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2 Government should reestablish a
3 government-to-government relationship with
4 the Native Hawaiian community
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1 P U B L I C M E E T I N G

2 MS. CHANG: I'm going to call the first five names,
3 and I'm going to ask you to come to the table here, so
4 it's going to move things along. Aunty Lily. And
5 DeMont, I would ask -- I hope you're okay.

6 MR. CONNER: Is that a question or is that --

7 MS. CHANG: No.

8 MR. CONNER: -- a comment?

9 MS. CHANG: Brother, you have been so supportive
10 and cooperative. If we can take those who haven't
11 spoken first. Mahalo. Mahalo.

12 Aunty Lily, Sharon Kama. Uncle Joe, I
13 apologize again, if you wouldn't mind, we're going to
14 take --

15 UNCLE JOE: Will you assure us that we'll have a
16 chance to go to the mic?

17 MR. KAMA: Samson Kama, not Sharon.

18 MS. CHANG: Oh, okay.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yeah, this is the
20 last hearing on Oa`hu. Aren't you going to make sure
21 we can all each testify?

22 MS. CHANG: Well, we've got others. You can do a
23 written comment. Wait.

24 THE AUDIENCE: (Inaudible.)

25 MS. CHANG: Eh, wait, wait, wait. Wait. Uncle Joe

1 has asked me a question. Uncle Joe asked if I can
2 assure you. And Uncle Joe, I'm going to be very honest
3 with you, I cannot assure you. Because I want to
4 make -- we had 200 people last night.

5 UNCLE JOE: Then I have something to say that is
6 not repeated, other things that I've said in the past.

7 MS. CHANG: And, Uncle Joe, I know you've got a
8 lot, but I hope you would permit those who haven't
9 spoken to speak first, and then you can speak.

10 So I've got -- okay. Aunty Lily, Susan Kama --
11 oh, Samson Kama. Samson, but brother, if you wouldn't
12 mind, like the others. No, you have commented before
13 for the record.

14 THE AUDIENCE: (Inaudible.)

15 MR. KAMA: We've been waiting 120-plus years, and
16 two minutes. I went Nanakuli for two minutes, I took
17 off from work for be here.

18 MS. CHANG: And I really appreciate that, Samson,
19 but we have people who haven't even given two minutes.

20 So after that, I've got Lopaka Asam. He did
21 not, so Lopaka. I have Kanani Kama. Then I have --

22 MR. KAMA: It's not right in this process to talk
23 the two minutes. 'Cause you gave them more than five
24 minutes for talk.

25 MS. CHANG: I know. I'm sorry, I'm taking more --

1 MR. KAMA: So, just out of respect to them and
2 respect for us, we expect our two minutes. And you
3 touch me, I'll finish in two minutes.

4 MS. CHANG: All right. Who's Aunty Lily?

5 Oh, Aunty Lily, I'm sorry, you spoke at the
6 other meeting. Would you mind to let someone else
7 speak first?

8 AUNTY LILY: I am gracious enough to give up my
9 time to the residents of Kapolei and Makakilo.

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

11 AUNTY LILY: Come and speak and stand. Ku`e.

12 THE AUDIENCE: Ku`e.

13 MS. CHANG: Mahalo, Aunty. So I have now, I have
14 Kalani -- no, Lopaka Asam. Kanani Kama. Oh, Kanani,
15 you didn't testify. You did? I appreciate that.

16 Then I have Aleno -- I can't read the writing.
17 Rachel -- Tono? Number 9. I then have a Sonny
18 Del Toro, Jason Felix. Dora -- is it Hilby?

19 MS. LIBOY: Liboy.

20 MS. CHANG: Liboy. And then I have Elena --

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Please use the mic.

22 MS. CHANG: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. And then I
23 have Elexis York. So please go up to that mic there.
24 Who did I call first?

25 MR. ASAM: Lopaka.

1 MS. CHANG: Lopaka. Lopaka?

2 MR. ASAM: I wanted quickly to state that I am not
3 sure whether Department of Interior is here. I think
4 their purpose, it shouldn't be for us, who know our
5 history, and we're sovereign. We're the sovereign
6 people here. You folks, the Department of Interior,
7 needs to speak to all those U.S. citizens around on our
8 islands here, and you should be planning a transition
9 of getting your people out of here. Because --

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

11 MR. ASAM: -- we are kanaka maoli. I am the spirit
12 of the spirit of my ancestors before me. This is my
13 ancestral homeland. Not yours. So, the best thing you
14 could do is get up and get out. And take Pocahontas
15 with you.

16 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

17 MR. ASAM: Take Pocahontas with you. But anytime
18 you use the word "trust," hewa, because there is no
19 trust.

20 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

21 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

22 MS. CHANG: Okay. So now I have Rachel Del Toro,
23 Sonny Del Toro, Jason Felix, Dora Hilby, and Elexis
24 York. Okay. If you can state your name.

25 MR. ELI ALENOKAUPILI DEL TORO: Okay. Aloha mai

1 kakou.

2 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

3 MR. ELI ALENOKAUPILI DEL TORO: (Speaking in
4 Hawaiian.)

5 So, mahalo. Mahalo for your time. Mahalo.

6 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

7 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

8 MS. DEL TORO: Aloha kakou.

9 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

10 MS. DEL TORO: My name is Rachel Del Toro. I'm
11 sorry, my son preceded me, and he is a better speaker
12 than I. I don't know Hawaiian, but I am Hawaiian. But
13 I just wanted to share some comments in regards to how
14 this is being set up. I believe that in an
15 organization, you should have leadership. You're
16 throwing questions out to us. There's no leadership.

17 I mean, how can we make a determination of what
18 we're going to do, if we don't have that leadership in
19 place? How can we trust you? How is there going to be
20 trust amongst ourselves? We don't have anyone to turn
21 to. We're fighting each other. We have all different
22 opinions. We need to work on that. As my son said, we
23 all need to be one, we all need to move ahead. We all
24 have to have the same idea. Mahalo.

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

1 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

2 MR. SONNY DEL TORO: Aloha, I'm Sonny Del Toro.

3 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

4 MR. SONNY DEL TORO: To the panel, I would like to
5 answer all of your questions except that all of my
6 answers will be with something added to it, because all
7 you're giving us is "yes" and "nos." We cannot use a
8 "yes" and "no." We have to use "and this" and "and
9 that."

10 Although I do want to support at least Question
11 No. 1, again, it is with the exception or with other
12 things added to it, so that we can clarify and make it
13 the way we need it to be made. And I think if you work
14 with us on that, then I think we'll have a better
15 outcome on all that we do.

16 We've taken and invested a lot of time. This
17 is the second one. There's one older than that. All
18 went through a Hawaiian emergent school. We're also
19 some of the beginning parents that actually cutting and
20 pasting and putting papers together so that they could
21 read and learn how to write.

22 So knowing that and understanding the process
23 for all Hawaiians, we gotta stay together, and it's
24 tough stuff, okay? It is tough stuff, but that's what
25 we need. We need to become one another or be with each

1 other.

2 I don't know any of you guys out here. My
3 fault possibly, but, also, so where is the one place
4 that we all can go? Where is the one website, where is
5 the one community that we can go, "Oh, talk to me and
6 tell me what you really, really are all about"?

7 I heard from and I watched the T.V. for the
8 past four days, by the way. So I learned about the
9 MANA folks. All right? They seemed like a team that
10 maybe I don't want to be a part of, because they're
11 already telling these guys get out. But we don't have
12 a plan to get them -- okay, they go away, and then
13 what? Okay?

14 Those kind of things, again, we -- we got to
15 look and go, "Whoa, whoa, wait a minute." But where is
16 that forum where we're going to get together? What
17 park are we going to meet at, what, you know, school
18 are we going to meet at and really talk to this?

19 And that's what I really want to get to, is our
20 next steps, not these guys' next steps because they're
21 done, okay? They are locked into what they're going to
22 do, and I appreciate you doing that for us because now
23 that makes us, it's on our shoulders now to go do
24 something, right?

25 And so back to, it isn't, "Oh, those guys knew

1 all about it and these guys know about it." What about
2 the guys in Pearl City? And I brought this up,
3 actually, to the OHA business because there was no
4 representation, anything from Nanakuli all the way to
5 Palolo. See?

6 Anyway, that's what I have. I appreciate your
7 time. Thank you very much.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. Jason Felix, Dora, and Elexis
10 York. If I call your name and you don't come up, I'm
11 going to go to the next, so. Go ahead, Elexis.

12 MS. YORK: Wait. I'm no nervous.

13 MS. CHANG: You're doing fine. You're doing fine.

14 MS. YORK: Okay. I'm nervous. I don't like public
15 speaking. My name is Elexis York. If Hawai`i is an
16 autonomous sovereign nation, then the United States
17 government is still holding kanaka maoli hostage and
18 against their collective will.

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

20 MS. YORK: If the United States government holds a
21 sovereign nation hostage outside of war, then the U.S.
22 government should be prosecuted under international
23 law.

24 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

25 MS. YORK: Panel, you represent an illegal entity

1 in the Kingdom of Hawai`i. Therefore, any questions
2 you pose to the sovereign Kingdom of Hawai`i is a
3 continuation of your entity's antagonism and hostile
4 aggression directed solely at kanaka maoli. You've
5 worked to divide a unique people and destroyed a single
6 spirit. Your government causes us emotional,
7 psychological, and spiritual pain, so much so, that we
8 feel it physically.

9 Because your panel represents an illegal
10 criminal entity, I will not legitimize your presence by
11 responding to those misleading questions. I will,
12 however, turn to kanaka maoli, my family, and address
13 them, for the record, take those questions apart, word
14 by word. The deception is in the language used. Take
15 it apart.

16 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

17 MS. YORK: For us kanaka maoli, I'll answer
18 Question No. 1. Should the Secretary of the Interior
19 propose an administrative rule that would facilitate
20 the reestablishment of a government-to-government
21 relationship with the Native Hawaiian community? My
22 answer is no, and an important word I learned is
23 "a`ole."

24 THE AUDIENCE: A`ole.

25 MS. YORK: All other questions are now moot, all of

1 'em. When kanaka maoli have true freedom, you will
2 control monies that flow through these islands. Our
3 first step is to look to those who can rise and lead us
4 now, those young men and women I've watched the past
5 few nights who have educated themselves in
6 international matters as well as our personal history,
7 these young leaders can and will unite us. That is our
8 first step. Thank you.

9 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

10 MS. CHANG: Okay. This is Dora. Next is Kevin
11 Perry, Tim Trixell, Orrin Kupau, Kapua Ruiz, Raymond
12 Arancon. Please come up.

13 MS. LIBOY: Aloha, members of the committee and
14 residents. Some of the things that I might say may
15 upset one or the other. My name is Dora Liboy. I've
16 been a resident of the Leeward area for many, many
17 years. However, I now reside in Honolulu 'cause my
18 husband, who was a vet, was in the Pacific Heights Hale
19 Ho Aloha and he passed away a year ago. I came all the
20 way down because I missed Nanakuli and I couldn't go to
21 Kaneohe. But I'm glad they told me this is the last
22 one here, so that I can get my two cents' worth in.

23 Okay. You know, the way I -- I did not know
24 all the questions that you had directly, so I'm going
25 to speak from an individual. I represent myself. As I

1 said, my husband is a veteran. My dad was a veteran.
2 My three sons are veterans. My two grandsons are now
3 active duty. So, the stand I'm taking tonight is not
4 for or against my kanaka maoli, because I am. But, I
5 am also an American citizen. And as an American
6 citizen, I have every right to fight for my Hawaiian
7 nest, for our rights as sovereign people. Because, as
8 Americans, we do have laws that allow us, and yes, it's
9 taken us too long to get answers.

10 You know, what I'd like to share, too, is, what
11 did I lose in this illegal overthrow that occurred many
12 years ago. You know, I feel I lost my language, my
13 culture. My land, right?

14 So, where does it leave me? I'm kind of lost.
15 And because there are some so well-educated people here
16 on Hawaiian issues, we are a broad spectrum. We all
17 come from different backgrounds, different level of
18 understanding. But I think we deserve the right to
19 meet, and kuka kuka, and fight among ourselves before
20 we get to talk to you.

21 Oh, that was fast. My two minutes up. Wait.

22 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

23 MS. YORK: Let me just finish up, okay? Let me
24 just finish up.

25 MS. CHANG: Ten seconds.

1 MS. YORK: Okay.

2 MS. CHANG: I'm sorry.

3 MS. YORK: Oh. My goodness.

4 MS. CHANG: You can always submit a written
5 comment --

6 MS. YORK: Right.

7 MS. CHANG: -- Dora, okay?

8 MS. YORK: I will do that.

9 I think that we need, you know -- what I lost,
10 I have, at least I'm grateful. 1970's, we were
11 gathering together, we fought so that we can have OHA,
12 under the "Con-Con" in 1976.

13 Now, I just had a birthday. I'm 75 years old.
14 So I think I speak well from my experience how I was
15 brought up. I didn't learn Hawaiian. I was told not
16 to speak Hawaiian. My mother was told the same thing,
17 "No speak Hawaiian. You get lickin' when you speak
18 Hawaiian." So I have a mental block. I went through
19 all these Hawaiian Studies program, language, and today
20 I have had one mo`opuna, from Kamehameha School,
21 preschool, and kindergarten, then Anueanue at Nanakuli,
22 all the way up -- oops. Oh, getting vicious hea -- all
23 the way up to graduating from Anuenue. Went to Eastern
24 Arizona on scholarship. My Nanakuli baby.

25 So, we still have lots to kuka kuka so we can

1 fight the laws.

2 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. Kevin Perry, Tim Trixell. I
3 am going to ask you, some of you who have commented
4 before and I've called your name, you have to excuse
5 me, I have senior moments and I will not remember you,
6 but I will ask you out of courtesy to wait to let the
7 others speak first, all right?

8 So, Kevin. All right. If you can state your
9 name.

10 MR. PERRY: Aloha ahiahi kakou. `O Kevin Kunani
11 Kauahi inoa. I come from a long line of ali`i and
12 chiefs. I represent them, and I stand in the gaff of
13 my ohana who could not make it to any of these meetings
14 just like all of you here, so aloha kakou.

15 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

16 MR. PERRY: My lineage, Kealaluhi, Hanapi line.
17 Just to make a quick reference, that we that come out
18 and show face as kanaka are not just coming out just to
19 show, but we're coming out to show that the bloodline
20 still exists and we still live, and whatever `apana we
21 are in, we are still coexisting with the life, because
22 we have to.

23 But notice and understand that we are saying
24 n-o. Yeah? And the question that, you know, we've
25 heard being asked many times is, why are you here, and

1 it is what it is. You know what the questions are.
2 Our people are here to answer, to respond, to fill the
3 gap, to let you know that we are existing and we
4 continue to thrive.

5 And, you know, we just came out to just show
6 you our participation, and not just see -- I see all
7 other kanakas coming out to the meeting and sharing
8 with you folks, and I just didn't feel right, my mana`o
9 didn't feel right, knowing that, you know, we all busy,
10 but I thank akua that we all made it out and you guys
11 can hear what we had to say, but on behalf of my
12 `ohana, (speaking Hawaiian), to the day we take our
13 last breath.

14 And we going continue fighting because now, as
15 a fifth generation, family owners, we've been here,
16 pioneers long time. Now our children is growing up,
17 and I want something for them. I don't want just you
18 evicted or you out of here, due to all fake policies
19 and our babies no mo no water, everything being
20 diverted. We no mo no `aina. We all stay living on
21 the beach. We tired. I lived almost all my life on
22 the beach, and I no like that for my kids.

23 So we just letting you know that we don't want
24 any altering of what our monarchs or of our king and
25 what our koko (speaking Hawaiian) for us. That's not

1 for anybody else to change, but that's for us. Aloha
2 kakou.

3 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

4 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

5 MS. CHANG: Okay. Tim, Orrin, and Kapua. Tim?
6 Orrin? Please come up.

7 MR. KUPAU: Since all of you -- is it on?

8 MS. CHANG: Yeah. You got to just speak in it.

9 MR. KUPAU: Okay. Since all of you who sit on this
10 panel are serving at the will of the President, my
11 testimony is to Mr. Obama.

12 I'm assured your representatives from your
13 Interior and Justice Department will honestly advise
14 you of Hawaiian people's testimony this past few days.
15 From what I've gathered from these testimony, my people
16 have compassionately come forward against the Interior
17 Department's involvement in the creation of a Native
18 Hawaiian governing entity. And there's also the other
19 side, supporting your Department's involvement in the
20 process.

21 I humbly write to you to stop this continued
22 division of my people and come back to us with a more
23 creative resolution than federal recognition. Why?
24 Because for over ten years, our late Senator Inouye and
25 Retired Senator Akaka failed to pass legislation in

1 both Houses of Congress.

2 My family and I appreciate the idea of avoiding
3 Congressional acceptance regarding the Hawaiian
4 people's needs and offering your office of the
5 presidency through your executive powers to honestly
6 bring resolve to this ongoing discussion.

7 I was raised in the Continental U.S. and when
8 asked my nationality, I always replied "Hawaiian." And
9 in the islands, when one person of Hawaiian lineage is
10 asked the same question about nationality, majority say
11 "Hawaiian."

12 In 1959, the United States failed to honor
13 their laws of their own constitution, again, to obtain
14 the plebiscite of the indigenous people of Hawai`i in
15 regards to admission into the United States, allowing
16 foreigners who immigrated to make this important
17 decision instead.

18 So here's my humble suggestion, Mr. President.
19 Please gather your Secretary of State, Mr. Kerry, your
20 Secretary of Interior, Ms. Jewell, and your Attorney
21 General, Mr. Holder, and come back to Hawai`i with
22 another option for my people.

23 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

24 MR. KUPAU: That will unit the division that the
25 United States, the State of Hawai`i, and the media has

1 caused all these years regarding our self-governance
2 and determination. That suggestion, sir, is dual
3 citizenship. You and your Secretaries are intelligent,
4 and strategic, and tactical enough to make this option
5 available through your executive powers before the end
6 of your term, truly earning your title as a son of
7 Hawai'i. Thank you.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. I have, okay, Kapua.

10 MS. RUIZ: Aloha, my name is Kapua. I'm going to
11 read -- I'm going to read verbatim from my thing, to
12 make sure that you guys hear what I say. Okay.

13 My name is Kapua Ruiz, born and raised between
14 Aiea and Waipahu. I was raised by my maternal
15 grandmother and my paternal grandfather while my
16 parents worked. She was kanaka maoli, he was not. My
17 grandfather was Filipino. I'm proud of my heritage,
18 being both kanaka maoli and Filipino. My core values,
19 my heart is guided by the spirit of aloha and ke akua.
20 I sincerely care for all people of Hawai'i, kanaka
21 maoli or not.

22 I'm here today because I made the choice to
23 participate in this conversation. My answer is no to
24 all the questions you posed on your website, because it
25 is obvious that we don't want to do it your way. It

1 has failed the indigenous people of North America.
2 Please listen to what we have to say and acknowledge
3 the fact that we will take another approach toward
4 resolution.

5 Reconciliation can be achieved three ways. We
6 can work in today's context, take action with the goal
7 of moving forward. The past serves as a reminder that
8 history shall not repeat itself in Hawai`i, ever again.

9 Secondly, let's not work in anger. We need to
10 become engaged and kokua each other to see this process
11 through, from start to finish.

12 And, lastly, there needs to be an exchange of
13 feedback which is transmitted and received between both
14 communities. That is the only way we will be able to
15 discern what works and what doesn't. Reconciliation
16 has its flaws, but it will work if we allow it.

17 However, reparations must be made in order for
18 reconciliation to begin. The federal government needs
19 to pay our people back for destroying the `aina,
20 contaminating our soil and water supply, and for not
21 giving us access to the best resources to improve our
22 mind, spirit, and bodies. I want to be recognized as a
23 Native Hawaiian, capital N, capital H.

24 With this money, we can rebuild communities,
25 restore our lands and rehabilitate our minds and bodies

1 with the goal of returning to a once sustainable
2 society before Captain Cook and the arrival of the
3 missionaries, Ke Ali`i Pauahi and Lili Unu, that we
4 could take back what is ours. That's why we're here
5 today. We will achieve it if everyone participates.

6 I want to remind everyone, people watching
7 `Olelo, it is your choice. If you're watching `Olelo
8 T.V. right now, please submit your testimony to the
9 Department of Interior by August 19. Mahalo.

10 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. And what I failed to say is,
11 if you have a written statement, you're free to leave
12 it here, and the court reporter will make sure she
13 confirms it with what she's taking down.

14 So the next person is Raymond. Okay. And then
15 I have -- Carl?

16 MR. HUBBELL: Carl.

17 MS. CHANG: I'm sorry. Then after that, I have
18 Dayne, Ku`ulei, Napua. And Johnnie-Mae, I'm sorry, if
19 you could wait -- thank you.

20 MR. HUBBELL: If I may, my name is Carl Hubbell,
21 and I came all the way from La`ie and I came an hour
22 early. So I want my piece. They didn't show up in
23 La`ie. So I came right after work. So I want to
24 speak.

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

1 MR. HUBBELL: I spoke last night, but I still want
2 to speak. I kept to the rules. Two minutes, I was
3 out.

4 MS. CHANG: And I know, Carl, and everybody else is
5 keeping to the rules, and these are people, they called
6 and they agreed to step down. So Mr. --

7 MR. ARANCON: Arancon.

8 MS. CHANG: Raymond. Raymond.

9 MR. HUBBELL: I asking the people if I can.

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Inaudible.)

11 MS. CHANG: But let's let Raymond speak.

12 Okay, Raymond, go ahead.

13 MR. ARANCON: So, you guys ready?

14 MS. CHANG: We're ready. We're ready.

15 MR. ARANCON: I going speak bluntly, brah.

16 MS. CHANG: Okay.

17 MR. ARANCON: My name is Raymond Arancon. I'm not
18 Hawaiian, and I have nothing to gain from these issues.
19 I just want justice for Hawaiians. You admitted that
20 the DOI has no purview over sovereignty issues and the
21 independence issues, no authority whatsoever, but
22 you're here. You were sent here to distract from
23 answering the request letter of OHA CEO to keep
24 Hawaiians in the state of confusion, mixing --

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

1 MR. ARANCON: -- mixing politics over the law,
2 keeping them talking of sovereignty, independence, and
3 federal recognition, all of which is irrelevant and
4 inconsequential, just a waste of time, which you want
5 to do.

6 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

7 MR. ARANCON: You are committing a war crime,
8 promotion of Americanization, violating International
9 Law of Occupation, Kingdom law. You will be held
10 accountable when a war crime is filed with the World
11 Court. You and your accomplices in the State of
12 Hawai`i, the role commission personnel, politician, all
13 accomplices of war crime of Americanization.

14 Hawaiians, you need to talk no more of
15 sovereignty, independence, and recognition. The
16 Hawaiian Kingdom has and still exists since 18- --

17 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

18 MR. ARANCON: Listen, braddah. -- since 1843,
19 verified in the Hague, by the World Court of
20 Arbitration. In 1843, it was represented by the acting
21 regency of the Hawaiian Kingdom, created by the
22 doctrine of necessity under international law. Step
23 one pau.

24 You need step two. You need to force U.S.A. to
25 fulfill the treaty of restoration agreement ordered by

1 President Cleveland.

2 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

3 MR. ARANCON: Listen. This action to fulfill the
4 treaty of restoration agreement is already in process.
5 You have the wise now among you that are grounded in
6 international laws who have been recognized by the U.N.
7 General Assembly and the World Courts, the acting
8 regency. They are filed with U.N. protest and demand
9 with the U.N. General Assembly accepted. They have
10 filed war crimes in International Courts for violations
11 here by the state courts and the police accomplices,
12 accepted.

13 The Hawaiian Kingdom is in the jurisdiction of
14 international law, not U.S.A. domestic law.

15 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

16 MR. ARANCON: You are an independent nation.

17 MS. CHANG: Raymond, can you wrap it up?

18 MR. ARANCON: Verified -- yes, I am. Verified by
19 the World Courts, 1843, braddah. Verified by the world
20 court. U.S.A. is arrogantly ignoring international
21 law, which is why the leaders of the acting regency
22 among you have filed legal action in the World Courts
23 to hold U.S.A. accountable and forcing U.S.A. to
24 restore the Kingdom and illegal occupation. The United
25 States and World Courts acknowledge the acting regency

1 as a valid and legal representative.

2 Listen to those leaders. Unite around and
3 support them. If you continue to waste time doing what
4 DOI wants, you will stay confused and divided. I want
5 to see the return for the Hawaiian Kingdom in my
6 lifetime.

7 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

8 MS. CHANG: Okay. I'm on number 24. Is it Dayne?
9 Okay. Ku`ulai. Napua. Oh, Dayne? Okay. Come up and
10 state your name.

11 MR. KEALANAHELE-QUERUBIN: Okay. Aloha kakou.

12 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

13 MR. KEALANAHELE-QUERUBIN: (Speaking Hawaiian).
14 Aloha.

15 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

16 MR. KEALANAHELE-QUERUBIN: I'm here tonight,
17 speaking on behalf of my `ohana. And recently, after
18 reading more into research done by various Hawaiian
19 scholars, my 'ohana and I have chose to remove our name
20 from the Kana`iolowalu Roll Commission.

21 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

22 MR. KEALANAHELE-QUERUBIN: Yeah. Because there was
23 never a treaty of annexation, this would make the
24 Hawaiian Kingdom an occupied nation. Therefore, any
25 matters regarding state and federal law within Hawai`i,

1 till this point, has been illegal. This would include
2 the Roll Commission. By signing on to the roll, OHA
3 was using my name to show that I am one of 125,000
4 Hawaiians that support building a nation within a
5 nation, all of this being done within the context of
6 U.S. law.

7 I removed my name from the Kana`iolowalu Roll
8 Commission because I refuse to give permission to the
9 state and to the federal government to alter the intent
10 of my signature by claiming that I support an illegal
11 movement towards establishing a
12 government-to-government relationship with the U.S.
13 I'm not looking for federal recognition. I'm looking
14 for de-occupation of our country.

15 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

16 MR. KEALANAHELE-QUERUBIN: And for these reasons,
17 in response to your questions, I say a`ole, a`ole,
18 a`ole, a`ole, and a`ole. Eo Hawai`i.

19 THE AUDIENCE: Eo.

20 MR. KEALANAHELE-QUERUBIN: (Speaking Hawaiian).
21 Aloha.

22 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

23 MS. CHANG: Is it Ku`ulei? I have Napua. Okay.
24 Oh, you spoke at the Nanakuli one, so --

25 KU`ULEI: I just wanted to say something just very

1 briefly.

2 MS. CHANG: No. You know what? All of these
3 people --

4 KU`ULEI: It's just fast.

5 MS. CHANG: No.

6 So the next person is --

7 KU`ULEI: Anyway, I just --

8 MS. CHANG: -- Johnnie-Mae.

9 KU`ULEI: -- wanted to ask you folks --

10 MS. CHANG: Napua.

11 KU`ULEI: -- a question.

12 MS. CHANG: Come up, Napua.

13 KU`ULEI: -- of what the decision was --

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Let her speak.

15 KU`ULEI: -- from when I last --

16 MS. CHANG: No. If you don't mind, all of these
17 people also agreed not to --

18 MS. KAHUNAHANA: Aloha Kakou.

19 KU`ULEI: I'll wait till you're done, and then I'll
20 say what I have to say.

21 MS. KAHUNAHANA: Hello. Aloha kakou.

22 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

23 MS. KAHUNAHANA: My name is Napua Kahunahana. I
24 would like to address the comments that was made by the
25 board there, in regards to the Native Americans. We

1 are not Native Americans.

2 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

3 MS. KAHUNAHANA: You are where you're at because
4 you're a nation within a nation. We are an independent
5 nation. We have treaties. We have gold and silver
6 that's in the possession of the United States. We have
7 land. We have commerce and treaties and trades.

8 But what I want to do is, I want to first read,
9 as Minister of Interior, one of Ministers of Interior,
10 'cause there are many. As one of the Minister of
11 Interior, under Our Majesty, Akahi Wahine. I'd like to
12 read this:

13 Thank you for taking the time in hearing my
14 testimony today before you, our people here, our
15 ancestors who are presently with us, and God to witness
16 what I have to testify.

17 My name is Napua Kahunahana. I'm a kanaka
18 maoli, who you call Native Hawaiian only because I am
19 more than 50 percent quantum, born and raised on the
20 island of O`ahu. I'm the acting Minister of Interior
21 for and of the Kingdom of Hawai`i, under her Royal
22 Majesty Akahi Wahine, and she'll testify as such.

23 Earlier, when I used the term "aloha," well, in
24 this case, it means I am here, face-to-face with you,
25 to share the spirit of life of the ongoing pain and

1 suffering of the Kingdom of Hawai`i and its people,
2 mainly the Native Hawaiian. Before moving forward to
3 the subject at hand, I need to address one of you who
4 stated that the government through Congress created 150
5 laws to benefit the, quote, Native Hawaiians. The laws
6 created by Congress benefits only a limited few, but
7 the majority are with or without.

8 MS. CHANG: Can you wrap up?

9 MS. KAHUNAHANA: There is more than that, that
10 meets the eye. You say you are here to begin a process
11 of a nation-to-nation relationship between the United
12 States and the Native Hawaiians as a nation. The five
13 questions asked is irrelevant. What is relevant is
14 taking the opportunity presenting certain facts, demand
15 and remedy to you, the representatives of the
16 Department of Justice.

17 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

18 MS. KAHUNAHANA: No. Based on the history of
19 Hawai`i, including confession by the United States
20 Congress and public law 103-150 of the United States,
21 participating in the conspiracy against a peaceful and
22 friendly nation, we present other facts and information
23 today, of the continued crimes of conspiracy.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Finish already, sista.

25 MS. KAHUNAHANA: No, no.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Finish.

2 MS. KAHUNAHANA: -- conspiracy.

3 THE AUDIENCE: (Inaudible.)

4 MS. KAHUNAHANA: Hello.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Pau.

6 MS. CHANG: Okay. The problem is, I have 154

7 people, and we are now on number 29.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hewa. Hewa.

9 MS. CHANG: It is not the perfect -- I'm going to
10 call Home --

11 MS. KAHUNAHANA: This is identity theft. Identity
12 theft.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Illegal. Go for it.

14 MR. KAHUNAHANA: Corporate Hawai`i, State of
15 Hawai`i and its cohorts revocates the identification
16 cards, driver's license, birth certificates, stating
17 Kingdom of Hawai`i, national Hawaiians and, quote,
18 Native Hawaiians, are United States citizens --

19 MS. CHANG: Okay. Can I have Home, Home Schaedel,
20 Michelle Kahane, Uulani --

21 MS. KAHUNAHANA: -- of our citizenry.

22 MS. CHANG: -- and Ms. Olive --

23 MS. KAHUNAHANA: -- extortion, mail fraud, computer
24 fraud, misrepresentation, imprisonment, and piracies on
25 the high seas.

1 MS. CHANG: Okay. All right.

2 MS. KAHUNAHANA: In our attempt to restore that
3 (inaudible) in our Kingdom --

4 MS. SCHAEDEL: Okay, den.

5 MS. KAHUNAHANA: -- we filed in the Federal Grand
6 Jury against the Bishop Estate Trustees and cohorts.
7 And as a result of it, your trustees are investigated
8 and removed (inaudible)...because they have no
9 jurisdiction.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Please be courteous.

11 MS. SCHAEDEL: All right. You guys would do this
12 just when I'm coming up to talk.

13 (Audience singing.)

14 MS. KAHUNAHANA: Conspiracy --

15 MS. CHANG: All right.

16 MS. KAHUNAHANA: Hewa. Please investigate.

17 MS. CHANG: Okay. All right. We have the next
18 speaker.

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

20 MS. SCHAEDEL: Okay, den.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: That's how you treat
22 our people, with dignity.

23 MS. SCHAEDEL: So, brother, don't start my time
24 yet.

25 E kala mai ia`u. You know, if those of you who

1 are sitting in these seats claim to be kanaka maoli,
2 kanaka `oiwi, then I know you know better. We all know
3 that when we ask ke akua to come into our presence, our
4 hearts and our minds must be clear to accept him. More
5 so, we have kupuna and keiki in this room. And that is
6 not what you people are doing, is not what I was
7 taught.

8 So I would ask, you and I may not agree, but I
9 will respect your right to say what you want to say in
10 due time.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Two minutes up.

12 MS. SCHAEDEL: Oh, no, brother, my two minutes
13 haven't even started.

14 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

15 MS. SCHAEDEL: So now it starts. Start the clock.

16 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

17 MS. SCHAEDEL: Okay. So my name is Homelani
18 Schaedel, and I'm a homesteader that lives in Maluohai,
19 the first homestead in Kapolei. You are in our
20 community. Please show us your respect.

21 In December 1999 -- no, I already talked to you
22 guys. Now I going talk to them.

23 In December 1999, Assistant Secretary, Policy,
24 Management and Budget, John Berry from the Department
25 of Interior, and Director of Office of Tribal Justice,

1 Mark Van Norman from the Department of Justice along
2 with others held public consultations statewide to
3 commence the reconciliation process. What has stayed
4 with me, was at the end of that meeting in Waianae,
5 Mr. Berry and Mr. Van Norman, the last comment was,
6 "When we return, we want to speak to one group."

7 What that statement meant to me, was that we
8 needed to find a way to address and resolve all issues
9 that has and continues to hinder us from forming that
10 one group.

11 Now almost 15 years later, you're back, and we
12 are not one group. Unfortunately, as you've witnessed,
13 we are in no closer to a consensus today than we were
14 in 1999. While many attempts have been made by various
15 organizations, it has been within themselves and not
16 always inclusive.

17 The passage of Act 195 in 2012 by our State
18 Legislature creating the Native Hawaiian Role
19 Commission would have better served the people of our
20 state, had it included consultation, just as you have
21 come to do, and education. As you have heard these
22 past few days, the concerns and issues of our people
23 are broad. The lack of trust in government combined
24 with unanswered questions of how this change will
25 impact their families and daily lives will forever

1 hinder efforts in the formation of our nation.

2 While reading the advanced notice -- okay. I
3 will skip. In January 17, 1893, our Queen and now
4 said, now to avoid any collision -- and I'll advance.
5 I do this under protest and impelled by said force,
6 yield my authority until such time as the government of
7 the United States shall, upon facts being presented to
8 it, undo the action of its representative, and
9 reinstate me in the authority which I claim as a
10 constitutional sovereign of the Hawaiian islands.

11 In your document, you've said "reorganize and
12 reestablish." I would ask that you would change that
13 to "reinstate." The government in existence at that
14 time --

15 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

16 MS. SCHAEDEL: -- was not our Queen's government.
17 It was the provisional government later known as the
18 Republic of Hawai`i.

19 So the question is, that we must ask ourselves,
20 why, what, when, where, who, and how do we begin. Not
21 to reestablish or reorganize, but to reinstate our
22 people, our lands, our government.

23 When a place of great importance was built, our
24 ancestors, man, woman, child, placed themselves in
25 position to hapai pohaku. Are we, na po`e o Hawai`i,

1 ready to hapai pohaku? Begin the process that can
2 withstand the test of time and establish a strong
3 foundation, walls and platform for the next seven
4 generations.

5 And I will conclude with this. In the words of
6 our Queen, I could not turn back the time for the
7 political change, but there is still time to save our
8 heritage. You must remember, never to cease to act
9 because you fear you may fail. (Speaking Hawaiian).
10 Mahalo.

11 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

12 MS. KAUHANE: Aloha. My name is Michelle Kauhane.
13 I am a homesteader next to Aunty Home, in the homestead
14 of Kaupea. I thank you for being here tonight, and say
15 yes to the advanced rule-making process. I am clear
16 that this process is about leaving the door open for
17 us, that with the formation of our Native Hawaiian
18 government, this process allows us to walk through that
19 door, if we so choose. So I say yes to proceeding with
20 that process.

21 I would also like to say to our people, that I
22 believe we have to think about the time and place that
23 we are in, today. Do we believe that Kuhio, for
24 16 years, wanted to be in Congress as a delegate with
25 no voice? But he did what he did because he had to,

1 given the time and place that he was in, and did what
2 he did for our people, securing the Hawaiian homelands.
3 Our Queen was not happy about the annexation and did
4 what she did to spare the bloodshed of our people.

5 So we stand before us today with an option, and
6 we have to ask ourselves, this doesn't prevent us from
7 seeking total independence. Federal recognition has
8 not been the impediment to what you seek. We have not
9 had federal recognition for 121 years, and we are still
10 not recognized as an independent nation.

11 So I thank you for your time. I will submit my
12 written testimony and I thank you for coming because,
13 yes, you were invited. Mahalo.

14 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

15 MS. CHANG: Thank you. I have Ululani, Sue, and as
16 I call your name, please come up, Kaimi, Koa, Keali`i
17 Makekau, and Dr. Kioni Dudley.

18 MS. OLIVA: Aloha mai kakou. (Speaking Hawaiian).

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Audience responds.)

20 MS. OLIVA: With regard to Questions 1 and 2, my
21 answer is a firm and resolute no. For over 100 years,
22 Hawai`i has been illegally occupied by the United
23 States of America. It began when the U.S. military
24 backs the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom by
25 13 white businessmen seeking to protect their own

1 interests. The U.S. has failed to rectify this wrong,
2 choosing instead to further multiply their hewa by
3 colonizing Hawai`i.

4 This colonization has left kanaka maoli sick in
5 our own homeland. We have the worst health, lowest
6 income, highest rates of incarceration, and so on. All
7 of these are symptoms of a sickness created by
8 colonization. Now the U.S. is debating whether to give
9 kanaka maoli tribal status comparable to that of Native
10 Americans.

11 I have read the histories of many different
12 Native nations and spoken to members of various tribes,
13 and the overwhelming response to questions about their
14 treatment at the hands of the U.S. is negative. They
15 have been disenfranchised, removed from their ancestral
16 lands. They have had their children stolen from them
17 and abused, been subjected to scientific testing, and
18 the list goes on, and on, and on. All of this, while
19 maintaining a government-to-government relationship
20 with the United States.

21 So I ask you now, why would we, as kanaka
22 maoli, engage in a relationship with the government who
23 would do this to their people? The only appropriate
24 means to resolving the crimes against Hawaiians and the
25 Hawaiian Kingdom is full and compete independence, a

1 process which can only be achieved though the
2 facilitation of kanaka maoli under international law.
3 Thank you.

4 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

5 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

6 MS. HAGLUND: (Speaking in Spanish.) Hello. My
7 name is Sue Haglund. I am from Alligandi, Kuna Yala
8 Panama, and I am Dule Indian. I stand here in
9 solidarity with my indigenous brothers and sisters, as
10 an advocate and as in indigenous person.

11 I ask myself, how can one governing entity
12 fulfill and establish procedural process for another,
13 let alone enter their gathering house and seeking
14 input? How can one indigenous person tell his or her
15 bother or sister, he or she is not indigenous enough,
16 if she or he doesn't sign up for a members registry
17 list?

18 I've read all 19 questions the DOI presents.
19 These questions do nothing but set forth a foreseeable
20 process with unforeseeable consequences. Who is these
21 United States of Department of Interior and Justice to
22 ask Native Hawaiians, "Show us how much Hawaiian are
23 you"?

24 These meanings only reflect the lack of
25 accountability and integrity that these two departments

1 and many others have. These United States do nothing
2 more but erase our nation's existence by not honoring
3 treaties, erase the people's languages by sending their
4 children to residential schools, erase the people's
5 traditional wear by forcibly cutting their hair and
6 putting on Western clothes and every day tell that
7 nation that, quote, Your gods are pagans and my god
8 will give you gold, end quote.

9 These footprints that these United States leave
10 is nothing but atrocity, pain, suffering, hunger, and
11 abandonment, not only on these First Nations but also
12 for their own U.S. citizens. There is no
13 reconciliation. There is no interest. Their only
14 interests are land and water rights.

15 Why else and how is it that the Native American
16 affairs are handled via the Department of Interior,
17 whose sole existence handles land management,
18 (inaudible) affairs, ocean management, and natural
19 resources?

20 I tell you this, ending in conclusion with a
21 quote that the media says "Why are they angry?" Ending
22 my quote with the poetic words of Maya Angelo, "You
23 should be angry. You must be bitter. Bitterness --
24 you should be angry. You must not be bitter.
25 Bitterness is like cancer. It eats upon the host, it

1 doesn't do anything to the object of its displeasure.
2 So use that anger, you ride it, you paint it, you dance
3 it, you march it, you vote it, you do everything about
4 it, you talk it. Never stop talking it. 'Cause the
5 moment you stop talking it, they win.

6 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

7 MS. CHANG: Kaimi. If you can state your name,
8 please.

9 MR. KAWAI: I will.

10 MS. CHANG: Kaimi is number 34. I have Koa,
11 Keali`i Makekau, and Dr. Kioni Dudley.

12 MR. KAWAI: Okay. Good evening, my name is Kaimi
13 Kawai, I am Hawaiian. I want to state, first of all,
14 that these meetings were poorly planned, okay, and
15 somewhat irrelevant. Okay.

16 No to all of the questions. No to all of the
17 questions because they don't address the issues. They
18 don't address the significance of our situation, and it
19 is independence and sovereign. Okay. Not federal
20 recognition, not a government-to-government
21 relationship. The acknowledgment of the illegal
22 overthrow should have been met with immediate action by
23 the American government, okay?

24 So, before I finish, I just want to state, for
25 the record, that President Obama, all right, openly

1 supports Palestinian independence. In 2013, President
2 Obama, all right, actually flew to Israel to address
3 the government, the Israeli government and the Israeli
4 people, encouraging them to grant the Palestinian
5 people their independence, okay? Therefore, if he is
6 so educated and if President Obama can speak so freely,
7 so boldly, so confidently about the Palestinian people
8 getting their independence, he should be able to
9 educate himself, come to Hawai'i and talk to us about
10 our independence. Thank you.

11 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

12 MR. LUKE: Before I tes- --

13 MS. CHANG: I know. He told me --

14 MR. LUKE: I didn't give my testimony. I asked a
15 question in Waianae.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay, you're excused.

17 MR. LUKE: Before I give my testimony, I want to --
18 I have one question. I don't know if it's conflict of
19 interest or not, but I wanted to put it on record that
20 the two previous speakers, Michelle Kauhane is the
21 president of CNHA.

22 THE AUDIENCE: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. LUKE: So I just wanted to put that on record,
24 so.

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Inaudible.)

1 MR. LUKE: Aloha mai kakou. (Speaking Hawaiian).

2 Aloha. My name is Koa Luke, and I am
3 genealogically connected to Waiawa and ahupua`a in this
4 district of Ewa. And I come before you in the
5 footsteps of my ancestors, particularly one ancestor
6 named Josiah Keawe `ike kini, who was -- signed the
7 Ku`e Petitions in this very district, and I want to --
8 many people are bringing this up, citing the Ku`e
9 Petition, so I want to read the last paragraph so we're
10 all clear:

11 "We the undersigned, native Hawaiians citizens
12 and residents of the district of Ewa, Island of O`ahu,
13 who are members of the Hawaiian Patriotic League of the
14 Hawaiian Islands, and others who are in sympathy with
15 the said league, earnestly protest against the
16 annexation of the said Hawaiian Islands to the said
17 United States of America in any form or shape."

18 And because of our political history, and our
19 cultural history, and our heritage, I have to say no to
20 all five questions and tell you when you keep coming to
21 us with these cookie crumbs, you're always going to get
22 no until the Hawaiian Kingdom and government is
23 restored, and we'll keep fighting this until the very
24 last aloha `aina. Mahalo.

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

1 MS. CHANG: Keolamauloa Kia`aina, Pastor Molina,
2 and Clayton Brown, please come up.

3 MR. DUDLEY: Aloha. My name is Kioni Dudley, a
4 long-time resident of Makakilo. I am non-Hawaiian. I
5 have been involved in Hawaiian sovereignty movement
6 since 1984. I am the coauthor of the book, "A Call For
7 Hawaiian Sovereignty."

8 I have come here tonight to tell the panel that
9 Hawaiians who seek independence are not alone. There
10 are an amazing number of non-Hawaiians who also support
11 independence. When Henry Noa first invited people to
12 sign up as citizens of the Hawaiian Kingdom, 3,000
13 signed on. 1,000 were Hawaiian, 2,000 were
14 non-Hawaiians.

15 Why are non-Hawaiians supportive of
16 independence? First of all, it's a matter of justice,
17 simple justice. But besides that, non-Hawaiians see
18 that we are losing what makes Hawai`i beautiful. And
19 we are helpless as Americans to stop it. The
20 relentless paving over of the islands, the massive
21 in-migration of people from the mainland and Asia,
22 people who don't understand our values and culture, and
23 the covering of our farmland and open space with houses
24 for these new-coming people. We know that our
25 government has been bought by developers and there's no

1 way to stop any of this. So why not give independence
2 a chance?

3 The great American ideal of democracy changed
4 the world. Perhaps the new Hawaiian nation will also
5 change the world. De-colonization is a real
6 possibility. Most of the countries in the United
7 Nations today were colonized just like us, only 50
8 years ago. They are ready to help. Independence is an
9 exciting possibility. Many thousands of us
10 non-Hawaiians think it is the way to go. Thank you.

11 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

12 MS. CHANG: Number 38 is Lufi. Lufi? Oh, Keali`i,
13 okay. Yeah, go ahead, please. After Keali`i, I have
14 Lufi and Keo.

15 MR. MAKEKAU: Aloha, everyone. My name is Keali`i
16 Makekau. No time is a constraint -- oh,
17 congratulations, Esther, on your appointment. I heard
18 about it in the news today, so, it's all good.

19 As far as consent goes, I have to consent for
20 Questions 1 through 19 will be a staunch no, no consent
21 at all. The reason being that the, only a
22 nation-to-nation relationship already exists and still
23 exists today, and that's the two contracting parties,
24 the Kingdom of Hawai`i and the United States of
25 America.

1 Number 2. I would like to pose a question to
2 this panel. If it was the U.S. Department of State's
3 representative who directed the U.S. naval forces to
4 commit an act rogue of aggression, in violation of the
5 law of nations and well-established purgatory norms,
6 why is the Department of Interior now undertaking such
7 substantive but limited issues? Is there a response
8 for that? That's a legal question, that's why. I got
9 it from a legal scholar, so.

10 MS. CHANG: And, I'm sorry, we're not doing any
11 questions, just comments.

12 MR. MAKEKAU: Oh, okay.

13 MS. CHANG: But you should put it -- you should put
14 that down.

15 MR. MAKEKAU: So I offer then a suggestion, then.
16 The nation of Hawai`i has the political liberty and
17 well-recognized right to reinstate their body politic
18 in its original status as a sovereign nation. The U.S.
19 Department of Interior is the wrong department and
20 agency to lead in the effort. The wrongful act started
21 out with the Department of State, and it should be
22 Department of State in the lead.

23 Department of Interior, however, has in fact
24 wielded de facto powers over the lands and resources
25 included in the Hawaiian islands, that including

1 pledging the sovereignty, which is defined as the true
2 and independent will of any sovereign country, over the
3 lands and resources to the international community
4 under numerous treaties and under international
5 agreements.

6 As such, the Department of Interior can and
7 should provide assistance to reinstate the nation and
8 the de jure body politic of Hawai`i. Those lands and
9 resources must be returned to the Hawaiian nation,
10 unencumbered, thus complying with both the law of
11 nations, international law, and the usurpation of the
12 Hawaiian sovereignty. Thank you.

13 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

14 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

15 MS. CHANG: Number 38 is Lufi, and then 39.

16 MS. LUFU: Aloha mai kakou.

17 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

18 MS. LUFU: (Speaks Hawaiian.)

19 For the record, my answer is a`ole loa to all
20 of your posed questions.

21 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

22 MS. LUFU: Our past, that of our ancestors, is in
23 front of us. It is not something that is left behind
24 or -- and, actually, we move on, yeah? All the deeds
25 of our kupuna achieved are steadfast before us, and

1 they actively exist in our consciousness. I am here,
2 as a waiahi of my kupuna, who signed the Ku`e Petitions
3 in 1897. I refuse to let their efforts be ignored and
4 continually swept under the oppressive U.S. proverbial
5 carpet.

6 The fact remains that our Kingdom was illegally
7 overthrown by the U.S. in 1893. Yes, this is a heinous
8 international crime, occurred 120 years ago, and we are
9 still waiting for the U.S. to restore our Kingdom back
10 to us. This is not something we will get over and move
11 forward, as you state, and no amount of spin doctoring
12 of words or political finagling will change that fact
13 or make it go away. The U.S. continues to illegally
14 occupy our lands, and we are here to remind you of that
15 fact. E na kuni, aloha `aina, e ku mau kakou i ka
16 pono. Oni pa`a.

17 THE AUDIENCE: Oni. (Applause.)

18 MS. CHANG: Number 39 is Keaolamauloa, and then
19 Pastor Molina and Clayton Brown.

20 MR. KIA`AINA: Aloha to everyone.

21 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

22 MR. KIA`AINA: My name is Keaolamauloa Kia`aina. I
23 live in Nanakuli, on homestead land. I speak for
24 myself as an individual. Many people feel that the
25 illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai`i happened

1 such a long time ago and that we must move on and get
2 over it. For me, the overthrow happened yesterday.

3 My mother, Haunani, will be 84 in August. She
4 was raised by her maternal grandmother, who was a
5 citizen of the Kingdom of Hawai`i when it was
6 overthrown. Grandma Emily would have been 15 years old
7 at that time. My paternal grandfather, Joseph Heleluhe
8 Kia`aina, was raised by his father's family in Waikiki.
9 His grandparents, John and Keoki Kia`aina, resided on
10 land and in a house owned by Queen Lili`uokalani. His
11 grandma, Keoki Heleluhe Kia`aina, was the sister of
12 Joseph Heleluha, who represented our Queen in
13 Washington, D.C., with the documents protesting the
14 annexation and the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai`i
15 and of our Queen. My grandpa used to make ice cream
16 for the Queen. So for myself, the overthrow is
17 something that didn't happen such a long time ago.

18 Two family members, who I love very much, have
19 had direct contact with people of this period of time.
20 I support the efforts of fellow Hawaiians in their
21 endeavors to write the injustice down to our Queen and
22 to restore the Kingdom of Hawai`i. I feel that the
23 Department of the Interior should understand, respect,
24 and assist in all ways possible, and in all your
25 capacity, the goals of this process.

1 But, I feel that we, Hawaiians, need immediate
2 assistance to protect Hawaiian homelands, Ali`i Trust,
3 our land, seas, our natural resources, and our rights
4 as the indigenous peoples of Hawai`i. I support
5 recognizing Hawaiians as such, but I would ask that in
6 recognizing our people as indigenous, that this
7 recognition doesn't and cannot impede the process of
8 restoring the Kingdom of Hawai`i in national and
9 international arena. Again, I say recognize our rights
10 as indigenous peoples of Hawai`i, but do not impede,
11 block, end our efforts to seeking redress, if not by
12 Washington, D.C., then in the international arena.
13 Thank you.

14 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

15 PASTOR MOLINA: Aloha, everybody.

16 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

17 PASTOR MOLINA: My name is William Molina, born and
18 raised in Wai`anae. I'm not here to talk to you folks
19 first. I want to talk to the Hawaiian people.

20 As a minister of Jesus Christ, two weeks ago I
21 had an opportunity to minister in Ka`u, Na`alehu and
22 Pahala. While in Na`alehu, God gave me one message,
23 talking about the blood of Jesus. But God reminded me,
24 also, that in the Bible, there was a battle between
25 Cain and Abel. What happened was, Cain slayed his

1 brother. So it was asked to Cain, "Where your
2 braddah?"

3 "I don't know."

4 But the Bible says that Abel's blood cried out
5 from the ground. The blood of Jesus, when it was shed
6 and He cried out and He died for you and I, His blood
7 fell to the ground and the earth shook. But God took
8 it another step deeper. And when the Lord gave me this
9 message in Na`alehu, I said, "If you Hawaiian, stand
10 up," and had almost everybody stood up.

11 And what the Lord told me was just like Abel's
12 blood crying from the ground, and how Jesus' blood was
13 shed for you and I, the Lord took me back when our
14 Hawaiian people was crucified on the heiaus. And the
15 Lord says our kupuna is crying out from the ground,
16 their blood is in the `aina. And the blood of our
17 ancestors crying to us to unify, to come together, to
18 come together as one, in Jesus Christ.

19 That's why my heart is so heavy when I walked
20 in here, because I sense so much anger, frustration,
21 unforgiveness, hatred, whatever it is.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: 121 years.

23 PASTOR MOLINA: I got you, but without forgiveness,
24 we not going be set free. Amen. But I believe, as God
25 showed me, that our Hawaiians that was crucified on the

1 heiaus, their blood crying out for us to unify as the
2 Hawaiian people, but most of all, unify together as
3 one, in Christ Jesus. Amen.

4 So my heart is for the people, and my mission,
5 and to the day I die, is to reach Hawai`i for Jesus
6 Christ. Amen. That's my message to you, as my fellow
7 believers as Hawaiians.

8 But for you folks, I just want to say, I
9 forgive you in Jesus' name, amen.

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

11 MS. CHANG: Clayton Brown. And then I have
12 number 44, Shirley Swinney; 45, Pauahi Ho`okano, Tricia
13 Lee Tolentino, and Iokepa Imaikalani. Come up.

14 MR. BROWN: Hi, my name is Clayton Brown. Aloha,
15 panel. I have just -- you know, I was writing things
16 down, but everybody did a little bit of everything that
17 I wrote, so all I've got to say is that your first
18 question, I agree with it, but with conditions. You
19 know, everybody saying it's either something or
20 nothing. I'd rather have something than nothing.

21 We've been standing still for 121 years, and I
22 think it's time that we need to show some kind of
23 movement. Maybe it's not your way or the different
24 groups' way, but it has to be some kind of movement.
25 My mom and dad passed already, and my grandmother,

1 Jeanette Kealoha Pau`ole, I mean, she passed away and
2 always told me about, you know, "One day you may see
3 it." I'd like to see it before I pass.

4 And I don't know why anybody in here doesn't
5 want to -- I mean, I know we can't trust them. But let
6 me tell you something. They are not, they are not
7 going to let these islands go, rather you know it or
8 not. Remember, we're a buffer zone from Asia. Who
9 going catch the missiles, huh, when they coming ova?
10 And that's what it's pretty much all about, it's
11 geography.

12 Huh? What?

13 MS. CHANG: Hui.

14 MR. BROWN: You know what?

15 MS. CHANG: Give him a --

16 MR. BROWN: Kulikuli. Kulikuli. I was kulikuli
17 when you wen talk.

18 So, you know what? I want to see some kind of
19 movement. I really want to, whether we can trust you
20 or not.

21 You, too, kulikuli, I wen shut up when you wen
22 talk.

23 MS. CHANG: Hey.

24 MR. BROWN: You dumber.

25 MS. CHANG: All right. I would ask all of you,

1 when we started, we said courtesy to each other. When
2 you come up here to speak, you don't want someone to
3 speak up, so please give him the courtesy.

4 MR. BROWN: Okay. So anyway, like I said, I'd like
5 a chance. I want to see something happen before I pass
6 away. I want something in place for my children and
7 for my grandchildren. And that's all I have to say.
8 Thank you.

9 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

10 MS. SWINNEY: Aloha mai kakou. My name is Shirley
11 Swinney, and I live on the homestead in Kapolei. And
12 so as a homesteader and as, more importantly, as a
13 member in this community, this community welcomes you,
14 as we welcome all of you who come from other
15 communities. And all of your mana`o, even if we don't
16 agree, and even if you hold your signs up, that we may
17 not agree with, also, but we welcome you. But we also
18 ask you to respect us and respect this community
19 because when we go to your community, we would respect
20 and we would honor you by respecting your community, so
21 we just ask the same of you when you come to ours.

22 So, to the panel, this week, after the
23 notice -- this week, after we received -- I would like
24 to address the panel because they're here to talk to
25 us. This week, after we received your notice and we

1 spent those few days to educate ourselves on this
2 issue, and we were ready to come to speak to you, many
3 people in our community, but they decided not to come
4 because they felt that they didn't want to be yelled
5 at, and not by you, but by their own neighbors or their
6 own people. So they're home, watching this on
7 television, and to them, I remind them to get their
8 voices heard in writing.

9 But I would like to just answer your question
10 before I run out of time. And I would like to preface
11 it with, that it is very unfortunate that DOI's notice,
12 short notice to the Native Hawaiian community has
13 created more question to the process than answer to the
14 questions.

15 However, it's important to continue dialogue,
16 intent on finding honor for our ancestors and value for
17 the future, for our keiki and the mo`opuna yet to come.
18 By learning from our history, we recognize the strength
19 that comes from facing adversity and take steps that
20 our history does not repeat itself.

21 So to your questions, my answer, I have
22 pondered this and it's been very difficult, but my
23 answer to your question is yes. And it's yes with
24 prerequisites and ensurances on behalf of the Native
25 Hawaiians that, number one, the United States will

1 ensure and protect that the organization of a Native
2 Hawaiian government to reinstate relationship with the
3 United States does not extinguish Native Hawaiian
4 rights to independence. Number 2, the U.S. will ensure
5 and protect trust obligation to the Native Hawaiian
6 beneficiaries of the HHCA. And number 3, the United
7 States will ensure and protect the established
8 programs, enact its statutes and extended rights to the
9 Native Hawaiians, and I say mahalo.

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

11 MS. CHANG: Thank you. Okay. Number 45, Pauahi,
12 and then Tricia Lee, and Iokepa, and George Tsuchida,
13 please come up to the table.

14 MS. HO`OKANO: Aloha mai kakou. (Speaking
15 Hawaiian).

16 Okay. So, I actually live on Maui, and I found
17 it was kind of poetic that these meetings happened
18 while I was here, visiting my `ohana.

19 I would like to give a resounding a`ole, a no
20 to all five questions that have been placed before us
21 because, here's the thing. The United States of
22 America was the ones that historically did the crime
23 against us. So who is it -- why would we allow them to
24 determine or to facilitate the process of us getting
25 our independence in our nation? That, a`ole hiki. No

1 can.

2 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

3 MS. HO`OKANO: And then in addition to that, yeah,
4 over the course of Hawaiian people, our interaction
5 with the American government, you know, they proved,
6 time and time again, that they didn't have our best
7 interest at heart, yeah? And so why would we allow
8 them to continue to prove themselves, yeah?

9 And, also, I would just like to say that, you
10 know, you guys want to -- this process wants to put us
11 in a box that we're currently not in. We're not in the
12 box of the -- that they want to put us in. Somebody
13 told me once before, a long time, "Oh, yeah, we're all
14 crabs in the bucket," but here's the thing. Who put us
15 in the bucket?

16 THE AUDIENCE: Yeah (applause).

17 MS. HO`OKANO: Who put us in the bucket? On top of
18 that, you know, everybody says that we don't agree and
19 there's a disagreement and all this kind of stuff.
20 Here's the thing. All I've heard from everybody here,
21 tonight, is that everybody wants a government. We want
22 our own nation. But it's just a matter of figuring out
23 amongst ourselves how we make that nation happen, yeah?
24 We all agree, this is what we want. It's just how we
25 go about it, yeah? So don't think -- that's not logic.

1 We agree about it already, we all want sovereignty,
2 yeah? It's how we go about it. Mahalo.

3 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

4 MS. CHANG: All right. Tricia?

5 MS. TOLENTINO: Thank you. Aloha mai kakou. My
6 name is Tricia Lee Tolentino of Waipahu. I am the
7 descendant of settlers, immigrants. I am not Hawaiian.
8 I have profound love for this land and consider my
9 responsibility to this land and to all of you people
10 who are genealogically tied to this land of great
11 importance. I stand in solidarity and justice with
12 kanaka maoli. In solidarity with kanaka maoli, I am
13 testifying -- sorry, I'm nervous -- I'm testifying a
14 resounding no against any and all involvement of the
15 DOI or any agency --

16 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

17 MS. TOLENTINO: -- of the U.S. federal government
18 or state entity in any and all efforts towards
19 establishing federal tribal recognition for kanaka
20 maoli.

21 Mountains of evidence exist of documentation of
22 resistance by Hawaiians, which illustrate the
23 illegality of the overthrow of Queen Lili`uokalani and
24 the Kingdom of Hawai`i government and the subsequent
25 illegal occupation of Hawai`i by the U.S. government

1 and U.S. military, which continue to this day. There
2 is no, and never was, any treat of annexation of
3 Hawai`i. Hawai`i is an occupied nation.

4 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

5 MS. TOLENTINO: Given the political status of the
6 Kingdom of Hawai`i as a sovereign, independent nation
7 that is under occupation, the U.S or state entity do
8 not have any jurisdiction nor legal authority over the
9 nation of Hawai`i or these federal recognition efforts.

10 Give Hawaiians what they ask for. Restoration
11 of the government, de-occupation by the U.S. government
12 and military, return their Hawai`i national lands and
13 assets and self-determination and all of these
14 processes.

15 And the question by Dr. Kamana`opono Crabbe of
16 OHA to Secretary of State John Kerry needs to be
17 answered. Does the Kingdom as a sovereign and
18 independent nation --

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

20 MS. TOLENTINO: -- continue to exist as a subject
21 of international law? As MANA, Movement for Aloha No
22 Ka `Aina, points out, resolving this question is a
23 fundamental first step in reconciliation as called for
24 in the U.S. Public Law 103-150, the Apology Resolution
25 of 1993. Mahalo.

1 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

2 MR. `IMAIKALANI: Aloha. My name is `Iokepa
3 Hanalei `Imaikalani. I'm from the island of Kauai. I
4 happen to be here, seeing my family this weekend and
5 this is happening, I couldn't pass it up. I want to
6 just remind us all, we come from a very, very deep and
7 strong culture. We still hold on to it because we're
8 birthed with it. Our ancestors gave this to us. We
9 need to use it. `Ike papalua. That's where our
10 answers are, `ike papalua. We're not asking for
11 anything. We need to live it, huh? As the people that
12 we are.

13 My grandmothers say, "What's going to happen on
14 the Hawaiian Islands is a stepping stone for cultures
15 around the world, to have the opportunity to emulate."
16 Pretty heavy stuff. They're on the other side. `Ike
17 papalua. You guys are beautiful. Mahalo.

18 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

19 MR. `IMAIKALANI: A hui hou aku.

20 MS. CHANG: Number 48 is George Tsuchida, next is
21 Kulana Pate, Pu`uwa`awa`a, Tasi Kilaulani, Stephanie
22 Kawamura, Cheyne Andrade, Wyatt Lee, and please come
23 up.

24 MR. TSUCHIDA: Aloha.

25 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

1 MR. TSUCHIDA: Mahalo for allowing me to express my
2 comments. My name is George Tsuchida. I'm not
3 Hawaiian. However, I would like to support justice for
4 the Native Hawaiian community.

5 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

6 MR. TSUCHIDA: I believe that this is long overdue
7 to address years of injustice since the illegal
8 overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893. And I also
9 believe this is a very positive first step towards the
10 Native Hawaiians' self-determination.

11 I understand that the Akaka Bill tried in vein
12 to provide the Native Hawaiian community with federal
13 recognition and governance since 1999. By dividing
14 this process in two steps, recognition first, then
15 governance later, would be more successful in achieving
16 Native Hawaiian federal recognition, similar to that of
17 Native American Indians and Alaska Natives.

18 I believe in fairness and justice, what we in
19 Hawai'i call "pono," making things right. This would
20 ensure that the millions of dollars for Native Hawaiian
21 education, health, and other programs will continue to
22 rightfully flow to the Native Hawaiian community, and
23 that the Hawaiian Trusts and programs will be protected
24 from further legal challenges. Mahalo.

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

1 MS. CHANG: Thank you. All right. Kulana? Please
2 state your name, please.

3 MR. PATE: Aloha kakou.

4 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

5 MR. PATE: My name is Kulana Pate, and I'm born and
6 raised in Papakolea. I'm a fifth grader in Pauoa
7 Elementary School, and I say a`ole to all your
8 questions. Mahalo.

9 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

10 MS. CHANG: Next is number 51, Pu`uwa`awa`a.

11 MR. PU`UWA`AWA`A: Aloha kakou.

12 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

13 MR. PU`UWA`AWA`A: Pu`uwa`awa`a of Papakolea. I
14 just wanted to say, in light of all your guys'
15 questions, I offer a yes -- neither a yes nor a no.
16 Instead, I object to all of your questions because,
17 first of all, you guys just one corporation run by
18 Admiralty Law, which is the law of the sea. We get our
19 own laws. This the law of the land, the true law.

20 Yeah, so I object to that. I object to this
21 panel. I object to this guy holding the sign. I
22 object to Dawn rubbing my shoulder. Yeah. I object to
23 Kana`iolowalu. (Speaking Hawaiian).

24 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

25 MS. KILAULANI: So, I'm going to keep this short.

1 I represent myself and my children. And I'm here to
2 show them that they have a voice. So why are you here?
3 I do not welcome you. You are my enemy sent by my
4 oppressor to confuse, manipulate, bully, and divide my
5 people. You're shoving your pilau laus into a land you
6 have no jurisdiction over. Yes, you have no
7 jurisdiction.

8 My Kingdom is held hostage by your greedy
9 nation. Your proposals are an insult, and to
10 acknowledge it, is a crime. You have nothing to offer
11 us, yet you think you are the answer. Go home. Tell
12 your dictator to stop occupying an already sovereign
13 nation.

14 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

15 MR. ANDRADE: Aloha kakou. My name is Cheyne
16 Keli`iokekai Andrade. And, aloha to the panel. I also
17 would like to say aloha to my kupuna and `ohana
18 watching on T.V.

19 Okay. I had written down answers to all 19
20 questions and then over going them, my basic answer I
21 found out was no. Don't give us constraints and laws
22 for us to govern ourselves. We don't need that. Give
23 the land back to the Kingdom of Hawai`i and then we can
24 negotiate. We shouldn't have to have fought to
25 legalize pai`ai. That is our staple. We shouldn't

1 have fight to protect our iwi. That is our kupuna. We
2 don't have to fight for water rights. That is how we
3 live.

4 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

5 MR. ANDRADE: Yesterday I got to talk with Uncle
6 Sam. Today he's not here with us, and I asked him,
7 "Oh, what is your position with the environment and
8 natural resources?" and I said, "We had that, too. Was
9 Konohiki." They made sure that the land and the sea
10 was divided equally. We didn't have to worry about
11 overfishing. We had plenty fish. We get fish in the
12 books that don't even exist anymore. We get plants for
13 la`au, like for medicine, that don't exist anymore
14 because we are not in control.

15 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

16 MR. ANDRADE: In third grade, I had to learn all
17 the 50 states and the capitals. I had to learn their
18 President's name and the order that they were
19 appointed. How come I couldn't learn all the ahupua`a
20 of each island? How come I couldn't learn all the
21 ali`i and all the descendants?

22 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

23 MR. ANDRADE: So I ask you, please, we don't want a
24 process. We just want to govern ourselves without the
25 constraints of the federal regulations. Mahalo.

1 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

2 MS. CHANG: After Wyett, I have the Caceres family,
3 Mana, Kalehua, Makoa, Mamaehu, and Hiehie. If you
4 could come up. Go ahead, Wyett.

5 MR. LEE: Aloha, everybody.

6 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

7 MR. LEE: I heard a lot of testimony tonight. I
8 just like let you guys know that when you guys sitting
9 up dea, listen to us. 'Cause ova hea, this is our
10 life. This is just your guys' job. Okay?

11 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

12 MR. LEE: And I no mean no disrespect, okay? I
13 mean no disrespect. Okay? But I going -- I neva
14 rememba your guys' names, but I going address one issue
15 with each and every one of you sitting on that panel,
16 as fast as I can.

17 For you on the left, ova hea, we can --

18 MS. CHANG: Okay. One thing --

19 MR. LEE: Wait, wait.

20 MS. CHANG: Can we not make it personal?

21 MR. LEE: No, you taking my time. I not making it
22 personal.

23 The person on the left, I just like to say, we
24 cannot take federal recognition because what we looking
25 for, is what was already taken from us. Okay? We no

1 need no federal recognition because we one nation
2 already. You know, I no understand why you guys hea.

3 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

4 MR. LEE: Moving ova to da second person,
5 improvement versus -- you was talking about improvement
6 to da tribes. Number one, we not one tribe. We one
7 nation, and Captain Cook found that out.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MR. LEE: What we looking for is not improvement.
10 We looking fo restoration. Okay?

11 In the middle, and I'm sorry, I don't know your
12 name, but da ting is, I couldn't even hear you because
13 people wen stop listening to you halfway through your
14 speech.

15 And, for Esther, please, Esther, no give me one
16 lesson on history, about Hawaiian history, because you
17 know why? My school neva like even do dat fo me. And
18 the thing is, I had to spend my own money fo go learn
19 about my own culture. And I going tell you something
20 about OHA. Because what happens is, two of dem wen
21 finally see da light. But if this was in the time of
22 Kamehameha, this would be treason.

23 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

24 MR. LEE: And, you know what? You guys gotta
25 really, heartfelt, look at this from a meaningful

1 point. I not going yell at you guys, 'cause you guys
2 only da messengers. Okay? But I going just tell you
3 guys, if you guys going sit ova dea and listen to my
4 people, listen. Have meaningful discussion and make
5 the right choice. So go back to da beginning of
6 history and look from da overthrow and find the facts,
7 and then you guys, in your own heart, find out what you
8 guys going do and how you guys going take this to da
9 Secretary.

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

11 MS. BRANDY KALEHUA KAMOHALI`I CACERES: Aloha
12 ahiahi kakou. (Speaking Hawaiian).

13 I want to re-echo the sentiments of my kanaka
14 maoli here, in that I do not support any federal,
15 state, or state agency initiating any kind of process
16 here. We understand our own history, and I got to echo
17 brother's sentiments. We know that 1993 wasn't the
18 beginning date for us, Esther, so kala mai. Because we
19 get babies and keiki here who know their history,
20 specifically I talking about mine, and I would
21 appreciate that we wouldn't continue that kind of
22 mythology here. Sad that we got to go to schools that
23 teach us this history that wasn't written by our
24 people, least of all, have to address our kanaka across
25 the way.

1 So, shortly, my kupuna signed a Ku`e Petition,
2 that's the 6th generation of my `ohana standing right
3 there. So when we stand here, we stand in
4 representation of our kupuna that objected to this, and
5 that we understand that we are in a belligerent and
6 prolonged occupation and the only thing that this
7 `ohana ask is that you de-occupy our land. Mahalo.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: Please come up and state your name, for
10 the record.

11 MR. MAKOA CACERES: (Speaking in Hawaiian.)

12 I was born a Hawaiian, I will live as a
13 Hawaiian, and I will die as a Hawaiian. My bones will
14 be buried in the sands of the Kingdom Hawai`i, not
15 American soil. Never in my life will anybody hear me
16 say the words that I am an American.

17 My answer to the questions that you have
18 provided is no, for two reasons. One, it is not the
19 Department of Interior's responsibility to worry about
20 a government-to-government relationship between our
21 people. Nation-to-nation, maybe.

22 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

23 MR. MAKOA CACERES: There is no, quote-unquote,
24 trust relationship between the federal government and
25 the Native Hawaiian community. There's no trust

1 between us.

2 Two. We are not Native American. We aren't
3 native to America. We are `oiwi of this land and this
4 Kingdom alone.

5 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

6 MR. MAKOA CACERES: I stand here in representation
7 of my family behind me. I'm here so that when I have
8 kids and they have kids, that we will have our own
9 Kingdom. Mahalo.

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

11 MR. KAMAEHU CACERES: Aloha. My name is Kamaehu
12 Caceres. And I think that the Secretary should not
13 facilitate the reestablishment of a
14 government-to-government relationship with the Hawaiian
15 community because we remain an independent nation.
16 Mahalo.

17 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

18 MR. MANA KALEILANI CACERES: Aloha a kakou.

19 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

20 MR. MANA KALEILANI CACERES: My name is Mana
21 Kaleilani Caceres, and I'm here just to echo the voices
22 of my very own children. That's hard to follow when
23 your kids get that much `ike and they know the history
24 better than what I knew it when I grew up.

25 This is the proposed rules, right here, that

1 they're asking of us. This is what my 11-month-old
2 thinks of it, and this is what I think of it. I think
3 that the only government-to-government relationship
4 that should be had, should be between their government,
5 the President of the United States, and the Secretary
6 of State, and the Hawaiian Kingdom. Anything other
7 than that, they're throwing out words like
8 "sovereignty" or "federal recognition," that's just
9 partial freedom. We're not here for a partial freedom.
10 We want freedom, we want our country back. In the
11 words of the late patriot, Papa Soli, Ku`e Mau Loa.
12 Ku`e.

13 THE AUDIENCE: Ku`e (Applause).

14 MS. HIEHIE CACERES: Aloha. (Speaking Hawaiian).
15 Mahalo.

16 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

17 Okay. I am on number 64. Is it -- Benavides?
18 Claudia Quintanilla. Dixie Kala- -- Kalamau. Okay.
19 I'm going to go down to Keli`i, Malia Evans. I now
20 have Ho`ona Utu, Maurice -- oh, Aunty Dawn, if you
21 don't mind. No, we're on 73. Okay. Ho`ona Utu.

22 MR. UTU: Aloha.

23 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

24 MR. UTU: My name is Ho`ona Utu. And, yes, I'm
25 Hawaiian, Samoan, Polynesian, proud to be. And when I

1 look across this room, I see all my brothers and
2 sisters, all us kanaka maolis.

3 Straight for you guys, the Department of
4 Interior, my answer to you guys is definitely no.
5 Right now, it's just a political strategy that we've
6 been involved in. Braddah ova hea, sitting, giving us
7 two minutes to speak. What -- how can you give us two
8 minutes? We've been speaking -- you've been hearing
9 our voices for hundreds of years, you know.

10 And what upsets me the most is you guys come
11 hea, you guys only going through your guys' routine.
12 You go tell your guys' boss, Mr. Obama, federal
13 recognition? Make me laugh because when he takes his
14 family to vacation, where does he come? Right hea on
15 this `aina. Right?

16 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

17 MR. UTU: Federal recognition. Why we get haoles
18 and foreigners flying into our communities, wanting to
19 reside here. We've been already federal recognized,
20 all of us. All of us people over hea, just by watching
21 us, come together. Should give you guys an example
22 that our voice always going be heard, always going be
23 federally recognized. You guys' laws is crazy. You
24 guys always been hea to sodomize, rape us, push us in
25 the corner. But now you listen.

1 Like I say, braddah give me 30 seconds. Our
2 voice always going be heard. So my thing to you guys
3 is, I hope you guys can see, 'cause, braddah, lift up
4 dat sign ova dea. It says, "Get the hell outta hea."
5 Thank you. Mahalo.

6 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

7 MS. CHANG: Okay. I have Keala Norman, Tony
8 Arneho, Leimomi Khan, Lisa, and then I have -- is it
9 Manako Chong? I'm sorry if I'm pronouncing the words
10 wrong. I'm having a hard time reading. And then I
11 have -- did you get called? Please come up. Okay.
12 Please come up. I'm sorry. Go ahead, state your name.

13 MS. BENAVIDES: Aloha. Arviella Benavides,
14 originally from Nanakuli. You know, when I was in
15 Nanakuli, I should have spoken, because was --
16 everybody was leaving after they was talking. Now you
17 guys making me nervous, but that nervous is because I
18 don't agree with any of what you guys are doing. Okay?

19 This wording in here, the foreigners wen
20 educate us. Okay? Go get your A.S., go get your B.S.,
21 'cause that's what I see happening tonight, okay,
22 nothing but B.S., and then to get your M.B.A. So I
23 stand here because you know your wordings, yeah? How
24 dare you guys call, "Native Hawaiian community"?
25 Really? Define that. Okay? 'Cause I can interpret a

1 lot of meaning for "Native Hawaiian community."

2 Eh, this is Hawai`i. I expected to hear more
3 Hawaiian language being spoken on our island. I go to
4 Japan, they're considered as local nationals, not
5 natives. And they all speak in their language. I go
6 to Samoa, I hear them speaking their language. Okay?
7 I should be hearing more language spoken into our
8 public schools, in our private schools, and make it
9 mandatory, not make it as an elective.

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

11 MS. CHANG: Thank you. Malia? You can come up and
12 state your name.

13 MS. EVANS: Aloha mai kakou. (Speaking Hawaiian).

14 I am here to say no to every single one of
15 those questions, 1 through 5, a`ole. Our sovereignty
16 has never been extinguished. Our Kingdom still exists.
17 If there's anybody we should be talking to, it is the
18 state department. And, do you know, we have to really
19 look at history. When you said that our history began
20 in 1993, I refuse to believe that. My kupuna, 121
21 years ago --

22 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

23 MS. EVANS: -- we're part of that Ku`e Petition,
24 and I stand here with them. They stand with me.
25 Because we still are saying a`ole to the government of

1 the United States and your intervention in our
2 political affairs.

3 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

4 MS. EVANS: What we really have to remember, too,
5 history is so important. We cannot forget our Native
6 brothers and sisters. Has anybody read the book, "Bury
7 My Heart at Wounded Knee"? This is what happens to
8 people who trust in the Department of the Interior and
9 the United States government. It is despicable what
10 has happened to our Native brothers and sisters.

11 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

12 MS. EVANS: Do we want that? Do we, as a lahui, do
13 we want that? Do we have to be treated like this?

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: A`ole.

15 MS. EVANS: A`ole. We have our sovereignty, we
16 have our nation. That's where we move forward. Aloha.

17 MS. CHANG: Aloha. Now I have Arviella Keli`i, and
18 after that, I have Tony and then Joseph. I am on
19 number 67.

20 MS. KELI`I: Aloha. Listen, my son gave me only
21 two seconds for say something last night, so I told my
22 daughter, no, this time I going talk.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: All right.

24 MS. KELI`I: No give me two seconds. Give me two
25 minutes.

1 First of all, I want to let all of you know,
2 maybe I don't agree with you and maybe you don't agree
3 with me. Hawai`i was up for grabs. Russia, Japan,
4 China, France, and Great Britain. And, listen. Even
5 if you don't agree with me, you can go ahead and say
6 whatever you want against me. But I went to school, I
7 was a salutatorian, and Kamehameha School did not take
8 me. Why? Because I didn't know what was oak tree,
9 maple tree, and all that. I know kukui nut tree, mango
10 tree, maile. Give me dat in da questions.

11 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

12 MS. KELI`I: Then I would have made it in
13 Kamehameha School.

14 I want to let you folks know, United States
15 took Hawai`i wrong, wrongfully. But now these people
16 come over hea, giving us the opportunity to voice our
17 opinion. Even if you don't agree with me, I'm going to
18 voice my opinion, and you know what? They gave me
19 something like this to write what I feel, so that they
20 can take it back to the President of the United States
21 and let him know how we are feeling back here. They
22 hurt us and kick us to the curb, do what they wanted to
23 do with us, now is the time for us to write. Paper is
24 a paper trail that will tell the story.

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

1 MS. KELI`I: We have books that tell us the story
2 of what went wrong. Now we write the story of what
3 they did that made us do wrong. So do it. No come ova
4 hea talk story and no write. Write it down.

5 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

6 MS. KELI`I: Let them know. Let them know how we
7 feel. We need a book about it.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. Okay, Joseph.

10 MR. MAUNUPAU: Mahalo, Aunty.

11 MS. CHANG: State your name.

12 MR. MAUNUPAU: Aloha. Everybody, aloha, and the
13 board. My name is Joe Maunupau, and I'm here to
14 testify as to why the United States government and all
15 this branch of service to stop, halt all actions to
16 impose a new government on the Hawaiian Islands and
17 their inhabitants, okay? I going explain why.

18 I hereby submit right here as reference, a copy
19 of the treaty between the United States and the Kingdom
20 of Hawai`i. That's the paper trail, the treaty. Okay?
21 Dated 1849, it's signed by Kamehameha III and Zachary
22 Taylor, ratified by Congress. And the actions, this
23 committee is violating this treaty. All right? They
24 doing 'em again, okay?

25 In this treaty, Article I, the first article,

1 "There shall be perpetual peace and amity between the
2 United States and the King of the Hawaiian Islands, his
3 heirs and his successors."

4 Yeah, right. Okay. Number -- okay. Wait.
5 Wait. It gets better.

6 Article XI, okay? "It is agreed that perfect
7 and entire liberty and conscience" -- conscience,
8 now -- "shall be enjoyed by the citizens and subjects
9 of both of the contracting parties." This is a legal
10 document right hea. See that? Legal document. Okay?

11 I lost my place. Anyway, it "shall be
12 construed to interfere with the exclusive right of the
13 Hawaiian Government to regulate for itself the schools
14 which it may establish or support within its
15 jurisdiction." We rule by this. Okay?

16 In closing, I ask the board, cease any and all
17 actions in lieu of breaking this written laws and
18 agreements made by both countries for this treaty. All
19 matters, land title claims, shall be in court of law,
20 not here. Thank you very much. Mahalo.

21 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

22 MS. CHANG: Okay. I have next is Tony, he's number
23 76. After Tony, I have Leimomi Khan and Lisa
24 Grandinetti.

25 MR. ARNEHO: Aloha, my name is Tony Arneho. I'm

1 from Ewa Beach. I'm glad to see all us Hawaiians ova
2 dea. Million body and one in mind, get the hell out.
3 That probably better. Okay.

4 What I'm here for, is, because I'm fighting for
5 my own survival out in Ewa Beach. 'Cause hau bush is
6 looking like Miami Beach. Miami Beach. And they
7 going -- they're coming to your neighborhood next. I'm
8 not kidding. I'm not kidding. If we don't fight right
9 now, they're going to take over. And it's not only
10 them.

11 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

12 MR. ARNEHO: It's our own government here, is
13 destroying us. And we need 40,000 of us to fight for
14 our rights of Hawai'i. Thank you.

15 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

16 MS. CHANG: Lisa, next? No. Oh, Leimomi.
17 Leimomi.

18 MS. KHAN: Aloha mai kakou. Leimomi Khan ko`u
19 inoa. Aloha.

20 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

21 MS. KHAN: Especially aloha to the families of this
22 community in Kapolei, Makaha, Waipahu, all of you who
23 allow us to be here this evening, mahalo nui loa. And
24 mahalo, also, our visitors from Washington, D.C.

25 You know, I've been a part of this movement for

1 many, many years, and I look around, Aunty Dawn, Andre,
2 Collette, many others. I would have as much white hair
3 as Aunty Dawn, except I use dye, so not as bad, right?
4 I only say that because through the years, I mean, I
5 sat here, my pu`uwai hurt, my na`au hurt in listening
6 to us talk, as a people listening to us talk. And I
7 felt your pain, I felt my own pain. One of the things
8 I like about this, is, it has encouraged or brought out
9 all of us to be able to hear each other. So I like
10 that process.

11 But I want to also tell you that, you know,
12 from January until April, every year I'm down at the
13 State Legislature, I'm testifying on a number of bills.
14 Through the civic clubs, we also write a number of
15 resolutions to help to enhance the lifestyle, our
16 well-being as Native Hawaiians. But at that
17 Legislature, I can tell you that why we fight for our
18 rights, oftentimes we're not so successful.

19 Though the point I want to make is, that a lot
20 of my friends who would be standing here tonight are no
21 longer here. So, for me, I want this process to move.
22 I don't want to keep talking, talking, talking. I want
23 the process to move. I want to support a relationship
24 with the United States government, and the reason that
25 I want to, is because they have the power right now

1 that controls our lands, and when I look at reality, I
2 look at the fact that our population is diminishing, we
3 don't have as many voices now. And so I am concerned
4 about that, and so I want to be realistic, I want to
5 move it, as the first step. So mahalo nui loa. Aloha.
6 Thank you, Dawn.

7 MS. CHANG: No. Thank you.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: The next person is Lisa and then
10 Nahaku. And then I have number 85, Chase Shigemasa.
11 Lisa?

12 MS. GRANDINETTI: Aloha, everyone. I'm Lisa
13 Grandinetti. Real quick, first, I want to say, sorry
14 if I'm all over the place. I'm super nervous and I
15 have too much scribbled on this paper to say in two
16 minutes. But, first of all, I want to say to the DOI
17 just really quick, not much to say. Anything less than
18 de-occupation is worth nothing.

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

20 MS. GRANDINETTI: I don't really think too much is
21 going to come out of their side from this, but I just
22 want to say that I think we can use this as a tool to
23 not reorganize, but organize a movement to take back
24 what's rightfully ours from them.

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

1 MS. GRANDINETTI: And I don't think we can ask for
2 it. I think we're going to have to take it.

3 But, also, I'd like to say, I'm actually not
4 Hawaiian, but I really empathize with you guys, 'cause
5 I'm Okinawan. A lot of people think that's Japanese,
6 but it's not. Same thing, my mom is from Okinawa. She
7 hasn't -- I thought I was Japanese for kind of half of
8 my life 'cause she can't even really talk about the
9 stuff they went through over there. They were
10 conquered by Japan and now they're still being occupied
11 by America, too. So, yeah, it's a struggle that's
12 shared by a lot of people across the world, so.

13 But I guess the main thing that I have to say
14 is that we, of course, we can't really go to them
15 because nothing is going to come out of that, but I
16 think the main thing that you have to get out of this,
17 is to talk story with each other and organize, because
18 this process is really divisive, but I don't think we
19 should use it as that. You can't really blame the
20 people that are saying yes to these questions because
21 at least it's something, right, rather than nothing,
22 but, I think we have to talk more about what we can do,
23 I guess, without them.

24 And the main thing is, I think we have to look
25 into -- oh, my time is up. But I think we have to look

1 at into the past because I don't think anybody
2 really want to fight with the U.S. except for the PKO,
3 with getting Kaho`olawe back. That's one of the only
4 things, the examples in the whole world that something
5 is worth, so we got to follow them, we got to organize,
6 and we have to start a movement to get back our -- our,
7 I guess, get back our nation. Thank you.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: After Chase -- oh, go ahead. After
10 Chase, I have -- and I'm going past those who have been
11 already called before. Gail Chee, Lei Chee, Jon Chee,
12 and Camille Kalama. Please state your name.

13 MR. SHIGEMASA: Aloha mai kakou. My name is Chase
14 Kamaleiha`aha`a Shigemasa.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Aloha.

16 MR. SHIGEMASA: Thank you. I'd like to thank
17 everybody for having me here. I'd like to thank the
18 Makakilo community. I'm actually from Honolulu. I
19 wanted to make the last meeting, because of work
20 constraints.

21 In the late 1800's, my great-grandmother,
22 Hattie Moikea, worked on a farm in Hana, Maui. While
23 she was hard at work, trying to raise a family, a group
24 of white businessmen formed a Committee of Public
25 Safety. Now, was that so much for safety of the

1 Hawaiian people, for the Kingdom of Hawai'i? They
2 dismantled the government in Honolulu, when my grandma
3 was in Maui, my rightful government. How ironic
4 because they call themselves the Committee of Public
5 Safety, and today, before us, we stand here with
6 another committee, another panel.

7 The Hawaiian people have spoken. We want the
8 `aina back. We will unite, we have united, and we will
9 conquer. Let the people decide, is what I ask of you.
10 We have, and are rising in numbers to take back what is
11 rightfully ours, what is my children's `aina, and my
12 children's children's `aina.

13 Now, I'd like to end with two `olelo no`eaus
14 for the Hawaiian people. "Pupukahi i holomua," which
15 means "Unite to move forward." "`A`ohe hana nui ke alu
16 `ia," which means "No task is too big when done
17 together. So let's unite, guys, and let's build a
18 nation, our nation, our sovereign nation. Mahalo.

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

20 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. I have Gail Chee, Lei Chee,
21 and Jon Chee. You're going to come up together or one
22 by one?

23 MS. GALILEE CHEE: By one by one.

24 MS. CHANG: Okay. You can just state your name.

25 MS. GALILEE CHEE: Aloha. My name is Galilee

1 Mariah Laniakea Chee, and I say no to all your answers.
2 I feel like railing you guys, but you guys heard a lot
3 already. But, I think -- I just going make it short
4 and sweet. I think all your names need to get put on a
5 war crimes list. That's it.

6 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

7 MS. LEINA`ALA CHEE: Aloha, everybody.

8 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

9 MS. LEINA`ALA CHEE: My name is Leina`ala Chee.
10 I'm going to read this, okay?

11 My name is Leina`ala Chee, a resident of
12 Makakilo for over 20 years, with family roots in Manoa
13 and Hana, Maui. About five years ago, I happen to find
14 my tutu mama's name, also my tutu's name and her
15 sisters' names all on the Ku`e Petition, and when I saw
16 that, I went, wow. So, that really woke me up.

17 I'm here, for the record, to answer all your
18 questions for the Department of the Interior, is all
19 no, a`ole, and especially the one about the government,
20 it shouldn't be government-to-government. It should be
21 international, like nation-to-the-Hawaiian-nation. And
22 I want the U.S., United States of America to stop
23 occupying Hawai`i illegally, and John Kerry needs to
24 answer Kamana`opono Crabbe's question.

25 I strongly believe and declare one day I will

1 seek a detached strong nation of Hawai`i. Mahalo e ke
2 akua.

3 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

4 MR. JONATHAN CHEE: Aloha kakou.

5 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

6 MR. JONATHAN CHEE: My name is Jonathan Kahikilani
7 Chee, and I get some things for say. I listened to you
8 guys. You guys came ova hea, you guys try persuade
9 everybody. You guys are a tribe. We one nation. You
10 know -- and, you know, we got one word for dat. You
11 guys came ova hea, you guys minding our business. We
12 no go ova dea, mind your guys' business. So, you guys
13 should have stayed up dea. You know that?

14 And, you know, to the Department of Interior,
15 to all your questions, a`ole. We no need you guys.
16 You guys came ova hea, you guys destroyed our lands,
17 and you guys did a whole lot of damage. And you guys
18 still doing damage. And we like you guys give
19 everything back, that you guys took. So, that's all I
20 get for say, you guys --

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: We going take 'em back.

22 MR. JONATHAN CHEE: -- need to leave.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah.

24 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

25 MS. CHANG: Okay. After this, I have Camille

1 Kalama and then Kaipo, and then after Kaipo, I have
2 Hanaloa. Okay.

3 MS. KALAMA: Aloha mai kakou.

4 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

5 MS. KALAMA: I'm Camille Kalama, and, first of all,
6 my answer to your question is a`ole. And we say that,
7 and those of us who are saying a`ole are saying that in
8 a very well, thought-out manner. We know our stuff.
9 We know our history. And if we look back, it's really
10 clear what happened. And if you were the state
11 department, who is currently ignoring us, ignoring the
12 questions from the CEO, Kamana`opono, who is really the
13 ones that we would like to be dealing with, one day,
14 you would know that this federal recognition is not
15 something that will get us back what we need for our
16 people, for this `aina.

17 If you think about it, those who are in
18 support, is this something that is going to help us
19 stop further military expansion on our `aina?

20 THE AUDIENCE: A`ole.

21 MS. KALAMA: Is it going to be something that stops
22 Navy sonar testing from our islands?

23 THE AUDIENCE: A`ole.

24 MS. KALAMA: Is it something that will stop
25 international military training in our lands, in our

1 sacred places? A`ole. So what is this really going to
2 do? We're talking about the DOI saying there is a
3 trust relationship already. There's over 150 internal
4 statutes in the U.S. Why do we need now to create a
5 government that looks nothing like the government that
6 was taken from us?

7 So that's why we don't have buy-in to the
8 process that's happening in the state right now,
9 because it's something that's fabricated, it's
10 different. It's something that we know is not true for
11 our people. And if we know that, why are we going to
12 create something that just puts us further at risk,
13 create something that's more legal fiction, takes us
14 further away from the truth that our people know to be
15 for us? So, with that, I say a`ole.

16 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

17 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. I have Pike Wilkers. Kaipo?
18 Go ahead.

19 KAIPO: Aloha, everyone.

20 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

21 KAIPO: I just wanted to address the people that is
22 before me this evening, and I just wanted to
23 congratulate each and every one of you folks for coming
24 out and making a stand, because the Hawaiian Kingdom
25 always existed, because you live, you know, and I just

1 wanted to clarify certain things with the panel.

2 Addressing the United States of America, they
3 are the greatest culprit in the mastery when it comes
4 to committing crimes, especially violating the laws of
5 various countries that are independent. You know, when
6 you guys go out and you guys take it to the next level
7 and violate laws of the lands for certain independent
8 countries around the world, that's hewa dat. That's
9 really hewa.

10 But, you know, I stand before you on behalf of
11 my kupuna, my keiki, `opios, and my `ohana, and I
12 continue to stand the fight and walk the battle,
13 because the State of Hawai`i is just a subsidiary under
14 the United States of America. And they are continuing
15 to hurt people, especially our people, and I cannot see
16 that happening and continuing, you know.

17 And, under the Penal Codes of 1869, under the
18 Hawaiian Kingdom, there is a law, Chapter 28, that
19 clarifies conspiracy. And conspiracy is one of the
20 major plays that started from the early 1800's with the
21 Hawaiian League, first of all, Honolulu Rifles,
22 Committee of Safety, Committee of 13, the Provisional
23 Government, Republic of Hawai`i, Territory of Hawai`i,
24 and now the State of Hawai`i.

25 And I just wanted to clarify this. I cannot

1 answer the questions that you had presented to me
2 because I do not fall under the jurisdiction of, one,
3 being Native Hawaiian or Hawaiian, because I was born
4 and raised as a maka`i nana. And as a maka`i nana, I
5 will continue to stand the fight, which my ancestors
6 have been fighting for more than 121 years, and ei `ou
7 to everyone --

8 THE AUDIENCE: Ei `ou.

9 KAIPO: -- in this building. Mahalo.

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

11 MS. CHANG: You guys want to come up together or by
12 yourself? Just state your name, okay?

13 MR. HELELA: Aloha kakou, apau.

14 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

15 MR. HELELA: (Speaking Hawaiian). I'm here with
16 some of my family, my keiki. My daughter is a little
17 shy, so she's staying over on the bench. Ilana, Waiea,
18 Kaehu, we're proud to stand here in the footsteps of
19 our ancestors. These are the signs we hold. These are
20 names from the Ku`e Petitions, our ancestors, were very
21 intelligent, highly intelligent. That's why the
22 majority of our ancestors from that time said a`ole,
23 a`ole to annexation.

24 And as you know, 'cause you're all smart
25 people, I'm sure you are, as you know, annexation never

1 happened. The Newlands Resolution was not annexation.
2 You did not get two-thirds of majority of the Senate.
3 The Newlands Resolution was a crime. There was no
4 annexation. So, to this day, that hasn't been
5 rectified. The treaties that we had are still ongoing.
6 'Cause the Newlands Resolution does not extinguish
7 those treaties, because that was an illegal act. That
8 was a unilateral joint resolution. It did not have
9 that supermajority of the Senate, which is required for
10 annexation by U.S. Constitutional law.

11 Like many said before, we need to be talking to
12 the Secretary of State, if anybody, yeah? This needs
13 to be taken into the international arena. This is not
14 for the Department of Interior. We are not your
15 indigenous people.

16 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

17 MR. HELELA: We are not your indigenous people. We
18 stand here in the footsteps of our ancestors, and we
19 still say today, a`ole.

20 THE AUDIENCE: A`ole.

21 MR. HELELA: A`ole.

22 THE AUDIENCE: A`ole.

23 MR. HELELA: A`ole. To all your questions, a`ole.
24 Mahalo.

25 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

1 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

2 MS. CHANG: Oh. Is there an Ilima? 112, Ilima
3 Hong. Next is Mapuana. 114, Victor. 115, Pi`ikea.
4 116 -- oh, I think Aika, is it? You haven't testified,
5 yeah? Come on up.

6 Oh, I'm sorry, what is your name?

7 MAPUANA HARDY-KAHALEOUMI: Mapuana.

8 MS. CHANG: Oh. Can we let Mapuana go first?

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

10 MS. CHANG: Okay, Mapuana, come on up. And you got
11 to speak right into the mic, and state your name.

12 MS. MAPUANA HARDY-KAHALEOUMI: So I am Mapuana, and
13 you have illegally taken over this Hawaiian sovereign
14 nation. We are still Hawaiian sovereign nation and you
15 are illegally in, you know, the Kingdom of Hawai`i, and
16 to all your questions, I say no.

17 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

18 MS. PI`IKEA HARDY-KAHALEOUMI: Aloha. My name is
19 Pi`ikea Hardy-Kahaleoumi, and I was born and raised in
20 Makaha, and I reside in Ewa Beach. Many of my brothers
21 and sisters have said very eloquently, a lot of the
22 things that I feel in my heart and in my mana`o, and I
23 don't want to take up a whole lot of time 'cause I want
24 to give people the opportunity to speak, as well.

25 But I also mirror the feelings of my daughter,

1 and I say no to all of the questions, I disagree. And
2 the thing that keeps coming up, over and over, is what
3 Kauikeaouli said when sovereignty was returned, the
4 Kingdom was returned when the British tried to take
5 Kauai, "Ua Mau ke Ea o ka `Aina i ka Pono." And,
6 really, that is translated as, the life of the land can
7 only be perpetuated by the right people, if the right
8 people are governing, and we have to be those people
9 and not anybody else.

10 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

11 MR. VICTOR HARDY-KAHALEOUMI: Aloha mai kakou.

12 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

13 MR. VICTOR HARDY-KAHALEOUMI: I'm Victor
14 Hardy-Kahaleoumi. I grew up in Makaha and graduated
15 from Nanakuli, ea ea.

16 THE AUDIENCE: (Inaudible.)

17 MR. VICTOR HARDY-KAHALEOUMI: And I say a`ole to
18 all five questions. There is no jurisdiction by the
19 U.S., within this nation. Thank you.

20 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

21 MS. CHANG: Aika. After Aika, I have Ilima. After
22 Ilima, I have Henry Tripp and then I have Paul.

23 MR. MAKAULA: Aloha no kakou.

24 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

25 MR. MAKAULA: My name is Aika, Kehukai Aika

1 Makaula. (Speaking Hawaiian). A`ole. Real quick,
2 real simple, a`ole. This starts in our house, not the
3 White House.

4 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

5 MS. LONG: Aloha mai kakou.

6 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

7 MS. LONG: My name is Ilima Long. Hilo is my one
8 hanau, was raised in Washington state, amongst our
9 Native brothers and sisters, and I've been back in my
10 home, Hawai`i, for 12 years. I'm with MANA, Movement
11 for Aloha No ka `Aina. My answer is a`ole to all those
12 questions, and what I want to point out is that there
13 is a reason why the overthrow took place. What drove
14 the overthrow was greedy capitalists that wanted to
15 exploit our land for their profits. The essence of
16 capitalism is greed. The essence of the United States
17 is capitalist greed. It always has been, it always
18 will be.

19 Their military is there to back up and
20 strong-arm their ability to exploit not only Hawai`i,
21 not only Turtle Island, but the entire world, and it's
22 only getting bigger and bigger. We have to do exactly
23 what we're doing today, which is come together, because
24 this is part of a global movement to say a`ole to these
25 bullies in the world.

1 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

2 MS. LONG: The other thing that I want to point out
3 is that the reason why the Department of Interior is
4 here, is to manage our consciousness. They're here
5 because, so that they can make us feel like, oh, you
6 know, we're so flattered, we're supposed to be so
7 flattered that a federal agency is here.

8 They're here to contain us, so that the United
9 States can continue to move forward in their capitalist
10 exploitation of our land, and to continue to use our
11 land to train their military, to go out and kill other
12 people around the world. That is not us. That is not
13 us, as a people.

14 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

15 MS. LONG: So we say no. We will continue to come
16 together, we will continue to organize, and we will
17 continue to fight against the United States and all of
18 their immoral behavior in our land. Aloha.

19 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

20 MS. CHANG: Number 123, Henry Tripp. Paul
21 Pa`aaina.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Panel, "a`ole" means
23 no. (Inaudible).

24 MS. CHANG: Okay. Next is Rhonda -- oh, Rhoda
25 Chandler, Tane Inciong.

1 MR. INCIONG: Kane. Kane.

2 MS. CHANG: Kane? Oh, I'm sorry. I'm having a
3 hard time. Kane. Okay. Next, I have Frank -- I'm
4 sorry. Oh, Frank Ka`anoi. Then I have J. Germano,
5 Mapuana, Evelyn Souza. I know Mapuana was here. I
6 just saw her. Okay. Go ahead, Mapuana.

7 MS. TECTOR: Aloha, panel. Aloha kakou, everybody.
8 Mapuana Keli`i Tector, okay, hence the name, Norwegian,
9 okay? Hawaiian people, if you look around, get poor
10 haoles, Japanese, you get Chinese, Portuguese. The
11 Hawaiian people love everybody, but what happened
12 was -- I have my statement here. I also have evidence
13 that this book that came from Department of Hawaiian
14 Home Lands, which is a state agency, I have evidence
15 that our family, someone mentioned Konohiki, Maui, Big
16 Island, that the state, the attorneys took lands away.

17 So I have enough evidence that, you know, in
18 trying to build a relationship, how do you build
19 relationships, when OHA denied my children
20 scholarships, including myself, so how do we build
21 trust? How do I build trust? I have four children. I
22 married a poor haole, but I think he more Hawaiian than
23 me sometimes. Why? 'Cause he clean the yard. I'm
24 inside, watching T.V. I like the Hollywood. I like
25 apply for food stamp, but I don't qualify.

1 In a way, I like the federal because they give
2 me free money. But guess what? I don't qualify. I
3 have too much income. Okay? So if a lot of us are on
4 welfare, guess what? You guys are hypocrites. Okay?
5 Because, bottom line is, I have enough evidence to say
6 that the agency that you guys placed here in the State
7 of Hawai`i, you guys denying me, okay?

8 Legal corp., you guys denied me. I can't get
9 my land back. Why is that? Because you guys want us
10 to build relationships? A`ole. Lie, lie, lie.

11 So, as I submit this, it will show you all the
12 different agencies you have, placed here, and all the
13 different nationalities that's advocated and they get
14 more, more, more monies than the Native Hawaiians.
15 U.S. citizen, you guys educate me, ill-educated me.
16 That's how come my -- my, I guess aggression, I'm not
17 as aggressive because you guys educated me, how to
18 be -- speak two minutes? I cannot say everything in
19 two minutes. Who you kidding? But out of courtesy for
20 everybody, right? Because we like comply to your laws.

21 Bottom line is, even within our nation you guys
22 cheat us. Okay? I got siblings that I got to deal
23 with, "Brah, you owe me money." So, yeah, how can we
24 build relationship? We gotta fix our own family, but
25 you guys, no, you guys lie, lie, lie. Okay?

1 Guess what? Fix this. Give us back our land.
2 You guys are only here for land. This land belonged to
3 my family, and I can't get it because you guys keep
4 denying me. So, no, we cannot trust you guys.

5 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

6 MS. CHANG: I have Henry. And if you can state
7 your name.

8 MR. TRIPP: My name is Henry Tripp. I come from
9 Kapolei. I graduated from Kamehameha Schools in 1965.
10 When I was six years old, I spoke pure Hawaiian. I was
11 raised by my grandparents in Honoka`a. When my mother
12 took me back and brought me to Keaukaha, I was spanked
13 for speaking Hawaiian. I was asked to leave the class.
14 Took me a whole year before I learned pidgin.

15 I believe that you are here, and for sincere
16 reasons, and I trust in what you say, except you are
17 the right hand that extends as a right-hand handshake,
18 but we're not seeing the left hand.

19 The United States is broke. Okay? In 1913, a
20 dollar could buy five loaves of bread. Right now, a
21 dollar can only buy two slices. You're getting ready
22 for when the dollar collapses. Of all of your mortgage
23 you will not be able to pay and your property will
24 belong to the banks. Okay. Okay. The global
25 collateral accounts are all under the Federal Reserve

1 except for the Kingdom of Hawai`i's gold. Okay?

2 Queen Lili`uokalani was right in storing the
3 gold. We need to find out what happened to the
4 70 billion dollars of gold bullion that was taken by
5 the United States in 1902, from the Bank of Hawaii.

6 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

7 MR. TRIPP: Question 19. Yes, there needs to be a
8 process. It should not be under facilitation because
9 that reflects an agenda that shouldn't be there.
10 Mahalo.

11 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

12 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

13 MS. CHANG: All right. It is now 8:50, and we've
14 got about 10 more people left. So the next is Rhoda.
15 And then after Rhoda, I have Frank Ka`anoi and
16 J. Germano, and Evelyn Souza. Please come up.

17 MS. CHANDLER: Aloha.

18 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

19 MS. CHANDLER: I just want to thank you for being
20 here. I know it's not easy, night after night,
21 listening to so much of our passion. And I want to
22 thank this community for giving me the opportunity to
23 come. I'm here simply for my children and my
24 grandchildren, that they will know that I make a stand,
25 that if you are offering government-to-government, I

1 want United-States-to-the-Kingdom-of-Hawai`i.

2 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

3 MS. SOUZA: Aloha, everybody. My name is Evelyn
4 Souza, I am the wife of Franklin Souza. We have `ohana
5 in the Nanakuli homestead, Kaupe`a, in the Waimanalo
6 homestead, and we lived here 43 years. We welcome you
7 to our host community.

8 I want to say one thing. I go back to what I
9 was taught, and I was taught by a Portuguese lady, very
10 learned. And she always said, "You know what, Evelyn?
11 Always keep an open mind, but not so open your brains
12 fall out." And I'll be darned, you know what? I
13 always profess, I have more in my rearview mirror than
14 I have in my windshield. But it's been one hell of a
15 ride. And if we don't get our land back, as it should
16 be, before I step from here into eternity, well, I
17 would think, all these young people here, all the
18 `opio, all the keiki, they will see it happen. Because
19 it's got to.

20 I cannot believe that the DOI, who obviously
21 has no jurisdiction unless we are mistaken, is sitting
22 here, and somebody has to be pushing a pencil or
23 banging on a keyboard and says, "Hey, you know what?
24 As long as they don't get their act together, it's
25 going to be the same 'ole, same 'ole."

1 So, Hawaiians in the room? Get our act
2 together because this is no act. Thank you.

3 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

4 MS. CHANG: Paul? Paul, if you could state your
5 name.

6 MR. PA`AAINA: My name is Paul Pa`aaina. In Jesus'
7 name, I give God our praise and glory for being clean
8 and sober tonight, and -- I not supposed to say "clean
9 and sober." I supposed to say -- I should just read
10 this.

11 The opportunity to share with you what is in my
12 heart, you know, most every night I pray to God, and
13 part of my prayer is, I ask God to bless us all with
14 the wisdom, knowledge, and love and understanding to do
15 your will. I pray it will be done.

16 I believe that God's will is the way. And if I
17 don't align my will with God's will and become
18 self-centered and selfish, most of the times, whatever
19 I'm trying to achieve won't work. I believe that God
20 is, again, blessing us with this opportunity of a
21 lifetime by blessing us with these people that has
22 traveled away from their homes, families and their
23 loved ones to be with us, to share, to share their
24 message of hope. It might not be in the right way, but
25 at least they came for help us. That's what I believe.

1 I believe in the Lord, you know.

2 It is my sincere hope that we can, finally,
3 after all these years, sit down with our brothers and
4 sisters, and resolve our issues that we have between
5 the United States and Hawai`i in a peaceful manner.

6 And I going wrap this up with one short story.
7 I've been dealing with this insanity and this prejudice
8 for a very long time about what happened between the
9 United States and Hawai`i, until I found peace one day
10 while sitting in church. And, mind you, I go to a
11 Hawaiian church. When the lulu basket was going
12 around, our po`o kahu said he had something he wanted
13 to share with us. He said a sovereignty group came to
14 our church and asked him if we could help support them
15 in their efforts to get our land back, and he said no.
16 They asked him why.

17 For me, the answer he gave them was so
18 profound, it was like a healing process started, a
19 heavy burden being lifted. I found comfort in his
20 words, and he simply said, "This not our land. This
21 God's land." Mahalo.

22 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

23 MS. CHANG: J. Germano.

24 MS. GERMANO: Aloha, everyone. My name is Johnette
25 Germano. I live in Kumu Iki, in Kapolei. And I'm here

1 to answer your question, is no. You know, my question
2 is no. But, what I'm here, and I do want to say
3 something that I'm with (inaudible), an independent
4 government, and I think you guys have a chance to talk
5 to them. And they have been here since, from
6 August 13, 1999. And they have been an independent
7 government since then. And we all fight about it, to
8 get our country back. And that's what I believe in,
9 for the future of our mo`opuna, and so they can have a
10 better education. That's what they need today.

11 Because we grew up that way, without education.
12 And many of you don't understand what it's like,
13 growing up with a question in your head. I lived in
14 Waikiki. We went to Thomas Jefferson school, Thomas
15 Jefferson, just White, White people. That's Waikiki
16 Elementary, too. That all people is all mixed. Name
17 it, we have it. And I grew up with all these
18 questions.

19 And today, that's what I feel, our government
20 is to be returned. It's not what you have done to our
21 ancestors. Our family, our kupunas is all connected to
22 the `aina, and you know that, and you took that away
23 from them. Today, it's time for our people to get the
24 country back. Thank you and aloha. Mahalo nui loa.

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

1 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. These are the last 10 people,
2 please all come up. Kahaunani Mahoe, Davy Kamali`i.
3 Joseph Maunupau, Tara. Charlene Manu, Hinaleimoana,
4 Ho`olu Cravalho. Oh, no. Jaylene. Please come up.

5 MS. MAHOE-THOENE: Aloha.

6 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

7 MS. MAHOE-THOENE: My name is Kahaunani
8 Mahoe-Thoene, and I actually reside in Waimanalo, so
9 kala mai. I am here to speak from my heart and to
10 present solely my opinion on this matter of great
11 importance. I apologize in advance if I offend anyone,
12 especially my kupuna, but this matter is so important
13 to just remain silent.

14 I want you to know that I understand the views
15 of many of you in this room. I feel -- I feel that the
16 United States did wrong to our Queen and the kanaka
17 maoli. It is not that I'm against you all. It's about
18 looking at the possibilities that this relationship
19 could bring to all of us. This is not doing -- this is
20 about doing what is right for the Native Hawaiian
21 people. This is the time for all Hawaiians to unite as
22 one. This generation has a passion, the knowledge, the
23 wisdom to pursue the mission of our kupunas in a more
24 intellectual way.

25 I am in favor of this administrative rule,

1 rule-making process, only if this gives us the
2 opportunity to build more homes, to give us the
3 opportunity to build our own schools, bring back the
4 Native Hawaiian language, expand our health care
5 system, protect our land resources, groom the Native
6 Hawaiian next generational leaders, and to restore hope
7 for all people, for our -- and to restore hope for our
8 people that need it so desperately.

9 If the Assistant Secretary will give us the
10 funding and resources to get closer to the
11 opportunities I just mentioned, I am in favor of it.
12 Our people are suffering. They need help now. We
13 can't wait no longer. We need to process and holomua.
14 Imua and mahalo.

15 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

16 MS. CHANG: Davy. State your name.

17 MR. KAMALI`I: My name is Davy Kamali`i. Aloha.

18 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

19 MR. KAMALI`I: I'm a proud Hawaiian, and, also, I'm
20 a proud American, because America was built on the
21 foundations of freedom, you know. And I believe that
22 the Hawaiians need that, you know. But I believe the
23 Hawaiians, there's too many fighting inside. That's
24 why an outside, I think an outside entity would help to
25 have a statewide election for its own officials to

1 represent us. Because then there will be no
2 corruptions, all the cards will be on the table and
3 everybody will see everything. That way, everybody can
4 educate whoever they need to educate, their kids, their
5 grandparents, doesn't matter. And what I do believe
6 that we are not a tribe. We are a people, we're
7 Kingdom. We were established before all of this.
8 That's all I have to say.

9 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

10 MS. CHANG: Thank you. Joseph, Tara, Charlene.

11 MS. MANU-OLEVAO: I'm Charlene Manu-Olevao from Big
12 Island, from Hilo. And I heard -- the reason why I'm
13 out tonight is because in the newspaper, we had such
14 bad examples of what is a Hawaiian. I am Hawaiian.
15 And I apologize, I apologize for myself as being a
16 Hawaiian. Do not speak for me, for those who have been
17 a bad example. Thank you very much for even coming out
18 to listen. I am here for my grandchildren, my three
19 grandchildren. And I am here for my children to be an
20 example for them.

21 I -- I know the walk our Queen made. We all
22 know the walk. I still picture her stepping out of her
23 palace and had to turn her back on everyone partying in
24 the back of her. I walk with that lady. We need to
25 lift this canoe together. Together. I understand we

1 cannot trust, but we have to try, and trust, and try,
2 brah. No even go dea. We have to carry.

3 And look what Americans did to us, I promise,
4 okay? You guys saw. Look dat. Das what America did
5 to us. And it's okay, you know, they speak in their
6 heart. But in Hawaiian, I did not say aloha, because
7 that's how much I love that word. It means love. My
8 Hawai`i people, we forgiving. We, as Hawaiians, we
9 work hard.

10 Twenty years after the overthrow, she had to
11 stay on this earth and watch her people go down. But
12 she trusted. She had faith that somebody was going
13 come and help. She had trust in you guys.

14 I do say yes, because --

15 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

16 MS. MANU-OLEVAO: -- the reality is, braddahs and
17 sistas, is, they have their hands in this. But what we
18 gotta do is, we gotta come together. There's
19 80 percent of them out there that want to listen and
20 want to know who they are. I know who I am. I love
21 each one of you, even with them, I love you, bebe. But
22 I gotta teach my own students who they are as
23 Hawaiians. And that's the hurting thing when they say
24 to me, "I not Hawaiian."

25 And I have to go way back. Aunty Kaili`ohe of

1 Moloka`i, when she said, "We had it together." Okay?
2 I love each one of you. Please be a better example.
3 Outer islands, we not going throw rocks at you guys, I
4 promise. They get plenty aloha over there. Please,
5 hold up our Queen on the canoe, please, hold her up.
6 Neva mind disrespecting each other. I talk for my
7 grandchildren and my children. Aloha.

8 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

9 MS. CHANG: I have, the last speakers are going to
10 be Jaylene, Kahale, Tara, Davy, Wade Lee, Remedio. And
11 then there's a Wa`amoana and then Hinalei. I know,
12 brother. Tara, please go.

13 MS. DEL FIERRO: Hi, I'm going to be short. My
14 name is Tara Manaea del Fierro, and I'm just going to
15 say no, no to all the questions that you have. And I'm
16 just not going to explain 'cause I want other people to
17 come up, too. All right? Thank you.

18 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

19 MS. CHANG: Jaylene? Come, Jaylene. If you could
20 just state your name.

21 MS. KEALOHI: Aloha e kakou. My name is Jaylene
22 Kealohi. I live in Kapolei right now. And I'm just
23 straight up going to say a`ole, it is no to all five
24 questions. You know, the fact of the matter is, is
25 that when I was born on September 17, 1978, my

1 innocence was stolen. My culture, my independence, who
2 I was, was stolen. This piece of paper is a birth
3 certificate issued by your fake state. Your fake
4 state. This is how we are meant to do work, day to
5 day, business.

6 If I am understanding the American history
7 correct, it was all based on commerce. You folks all
8 traveled on ships, to ships, to ships, to ships, to
9 trade. You started food, then you moved on to people.
10 And then you started to reject and take away things,
11 selling things that was never, ever belonging to you.

12 You never had that right, in the first place.
13 You took my innocence. It's still gone today. This
14 paper is not a document that represents me. It does
15 not represent my people. My blood represents me. That
16 is what it is.

17 The reading that I have a suggestion for you,
18 is to tell the truth. Get the President to tell the
19 truth. Teach of the history throughout all of America
20 in your own land. You understand that. You should be
21 able to understand that you are trying to make a
22 meaningful resolution with us. That's where it starts.
23 Not only that. Not only that. I'm so, da kine, I get
24 so much, right hea, just like poof. Just like poof.

25 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

1 MS. KEALOHI: Just gotta poof. But I going shake,
2 like dis, and I going calm. I going soothe. You know,
3 I going be okay.

4 But I going tell you, this paper does not
5 represent me. My Hawaiian Kingdom was established,
6 represent me. You've locked it up. You're expecting
7 me to do things that have never, ever been put upon me
8 and my Hawaiian people, ever, before you brought
9 diseases, brought anything of bad destruction, mass
10 destruction to our people.

11 I suggest you start telling the truth across
12 this world. Not only that. You start asking the
13 community, the non-foreigners of this island, this
14 island that you folks brought over by commerce, how
15 they expect to make things right with us and live
16 amongst us, as well. This is our land where we live
17 every single day. You traveled here.

18 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

19 MS. KEALOHI: Mahalo.

20 MS. CHANG: Kahale. Okay.

21 MR. MAWAE: Aloha mai kakou. (Speaking Hawaiian).
22 I'm from Kauai, originally. I reside here, on O`ahu.
23 But I'm, first, here to say, first and foremost, go
24 back to your boss, the Commander-in-Chief, and tell him
25 to come sit in this room and feel this `eha. That's

1 the du jour process. Not sending you over here to come
2 and speak with us on his terms.

3 We have been occupied by your nation for 121
4 years, is it? 120 years? 121 years. My kupuna and I,
5 myself, are a descendant of that, of your occupation.
6 And you have gone, not only around. You've militarized
7 this entire `aina, from Pohakuloa to Barking Sands on
8 Kauai. With your military, your bombs. All of your
9 depleted uranium is going to our `aina.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 MR. MAWAE: All of your Stryker Brigade is blowing
12 up our mauna.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 MR. MAWAE: And you want to sit here and pretend
15 that you are acting on behalf of your
16 Commander-in-Chief and have some braddah kanaka stand
17 here --

18 MS. CHANG: Hey.

19 MR. MAWAE: -- and hold up a sign that says --

20 MS. CHANG: Excuse me.

21 MR. MAWAE: -- "Pau"? Use my own language against
22 me? The language which you ripped from my tongue?

23 The militarization on this `aina has to stop.

24 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

25 MR. MAWAE: Because you are going back, and your

1 Commander-in-Chief is killing people. He's sending our
2 boys and girls over to Iraq and over to Afghanistan.
3 They're killing those people, for what? For what?
4 Thirty seconds. De-occupy our `aina, stop killing
5 these people, and stop committing humanitarian acts
6 against the world.

7 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

8 MS. CHANG: Wade. After Wade, I have last three.
9 Remedio, Meleana and then Hinalei.

10 MR. LEE: Aloha. I'd like to apology to everybody.
11 I come from Moloka`i but I had to babysit my
12 grandchildren, so I going miss the Moloka`i meeting, so
13 I have to say something with my grandchildren so they
14 know.

15 The last time that our nation, when I read the
16 paper you gave, was a sovereign nation was our Queen,
17 so I gotta stand by her. And her last words when we
18 were a sovereign nation was, she was under protest. So
19 under those circumstances, I have to say no.

20 And 'cause I answered all your questions, I
21 like ask you one question, 'cause you said you like
22 facilitate. Can you facilitate the United States
23 government to come back and start where our Queen left
24 off, when we were a sovereign nation in protest, that
25 she was -- her love for our people that no get killed?

1 But that's where the conversation wen stop when we was
2 one sovereign nation.

3 So I going stand by her and mahalo our Queen.
4 She wasn't yelling. She had good revelation. She was
5 very humble. So I stand here with my `ohana for tell
6 you, I answered all your question. I just like you
7 answer one of mine. Can you go back, and whoever
8 responsible to continue that conversation that our
9 Queen had in protest, because she was held in arms with
10 a canon. That's what I ask of you. For your
11 questions, I have to say no, 'cause I love my Queen,
12 and I stand beside her. Mahalo.

13 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

14 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. Remedio?

15 MR. DABALUZ: Aloha mai kakou.

16 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

17 MR. DABALUZ: All right. Mahalo, DOI. Thank you
18 for being here to gather our people together as one.
19 That is the best thing, that we've been waiting for,
20 for over 120-plus years. We've been waiting for this
21 unity to stand up and speak. But I give you guys
22 credit for standing there and taking all this, the
23 `eha, and all the sore --

24 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

25 MR. DABALUZ: -- that we carry our kupuna

1 ancestors, you know.

2 Like Uncle said earlier, I am here,
3 representing Kukaniloko, 'cause no mo one place for us
4 guys for have this meeting. So everybody that got to
5 come from wherever they got to come fo say what they
6 say.

7 First of all, I know you lack the jurisdiction
8 that you guys carry, in our section, in our Kingdom
9 waters. My question to everything is a`ole. No to
10 everything.

11 The one thing that I know that us, as kanaka
12 maoli, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Filipino, Japanese, no
13 matter what, we the indigenous born and raised from
14 this `aina. And we the ones that carry the blessing in
15 our koko, in our blood. We have the blessing that was
16 given to us by the creator. And the creator can give
17 us this mana back, if we unify, which we are doing.

18 So all I ask for all our braddahs and sisters
19 here, even if you stay home, watching T.V., wherever,
20 please stand up at the end of this program, what we do,
21 and we lock arms and we pule, and we show 'em our mana.
22 Mahalo.

23 MS. CHANG: Mahalo.

24 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

25 MS. CHANG: Come both of you. State your name,

1 okay?

2 MELEANA: Meleana mai kakou. I'm sorry.

3 MS. CHANG: You got to just be close to the mic.

4 MELEANA: Meleana mai kakou. (Speaking Hawaiian).

5 KA`AUMOANA: (Speaking Hawaiian).

6 MELEANA: We are from Halau Ku Mana Public Charter
7 School. We would like to say, we are not a state, we
8 are a Kingdom. We never will be, and never was a
9 state. Our Kingdom was illegally overthrown 121 years
10 ago. Hawaiians are waiting for our Kingdom to be
11 restored.

12 KA`AUMOANA: I would like to say that you guys
13 already have started a movement, and that you have
14 inspired younger generations like us to restore justice
15 to the Hawaiian Kingdom and stand up for rights. Ku`e.
16 Oh, and we say a`ole to all of your questions. Mahalo.

17 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

18 MS. CHANG: Our last speaker tonight is
19 Hinaleimoana. Hina?

20 HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU: Mahalo, trustee. Aloha
21 nui mai kakou.

22 THE AUDIENCE: Aloha.

23 HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU: (Speaking Hawaiian).

24 (Singing the "Hawai`i Pono`i.")

25 HINALEIMOANA WONG-KALU: I say -- I say, my answer

1 to the questions are a`ole, a`ole, a`ole, a`ole, a`ole.

2 THE AUDIENCE: (Applause.)

3 MS. CHANG: Wait. With that, I'm sorry, I'm not
4 going to get to get everybody. Tomorrow we're going
5 Lana`i, Saturday we're at Moloka`i. Please get your
6 comments in. You can do it in writing. I'm sorry we
7 were not able to get everyone. We finished everyone
8 who wanted to make a comment, who had not commented
9 before. So, again, mahalo. Mahalo.

10 (Panel and audience gathered to

11 sing "Hawai`i Aloha.")

12 (Session concluded at 9:17 p.m.)

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